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UP FOR GRABS

A win over Rice this weekend could secure division title for UCF football team — SEE SPORTS, A11



GOT A DATE?

Circle K auctions off students to build homes for hurricane victims

— SEE NEWS, A6

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SARC helps students get set for finals

Workshops offer different ways to prepare for tests as fall semester's end nears

ASHLEY GREEN
Staff Writer

With only a few weeks of classes remaining for the semester, many students have done little to prepare for the end-of-the-semester crunch that awaits them. Fortunately, the Student Academic Resource Center (SARC) is offering an academic success workshop series that concludes with four workshops on preparing for final exams.

Two workshops were offered on Tuesday, and two more will be held over the coming weeks. The first, titled "Ready, Set, Go!" showed students how to design a study calendar for the conclusion of the semester.

Jennifer Wright, assistant director of SARC, hosted Tuesday's events. The first workshop was held in the Student Union and about 25 people attended. During the workshop, Wright emphasized the importance of setting goals, organizing, study groups and talking to professors.

Casey Keller, a junior majoring in hospitality, said the session was very helpful.

"I came for extra credit for a class I'm in," Keller said. "And I found out that there are tutoring sessions offered for the same class, so I'll probably be going to those now."

Wright said, "I think students are pleasantly surprised by what we give because we're not ones to stand up and say 'Here are the top-10 ways to be a time manager.'"

Instead, Wright said, SARC mentors and advisers try to help students by being realistic. She said that knowing and understanding terms like "procrastination" and "rationalization" allows them to connect with students. Additionally, they try to give information as concisely as possible in order to avoid boredom.

Throughout Tuesday's first presentation, Wright flavored the discussion with experiences she had during college. Sharing stories of study group nightmares, all-night cram sessions that didn't work and friends

PLEASE SEE STUDY ON A5

Cultural tour will provide look inside Asian styles

SEAN LAVIN
Senior Staff Writer

UCF Asian Student Association President Tara Szczepanski is inviting the UCF campus to take a virtual "Tour of Asia" on Saturday evening.

Students who'd like to accept her invitation should gather outside the doors of the Key West Ballroom in the Student Union and be prepared to enjoy cultural performances, free food and get a close-up look at authentic Asian clothing, Szczepanski said.

The first annual Asian cultural showcase, which is free to all students, is an effort by the Asian Student Association to promote diversity and spread cultural awareness on campus.

The Asian Student Association, founded in 2000, is a non-profit organization providing a social and academic support network for the Asian American community of UCF.

Because the Asian Student Association strives to promote diversity and cultural awareness, it has teamed up with several other Asian campus cultural groups to put on this event.

Szczepanski explained that the tour of

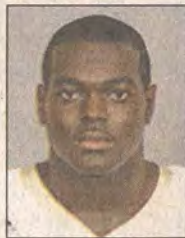
PLEASE SEE TOUR ON A5

Ellis charged with sexual battery

SEAN LAVIN
Senior Staff Writer

UCF football player Ron Ellis, 20, was suspended from the team and arrested by UCF police on Nov. 3 after being accused of committing sexual battery against a neighbor two days earlier.

The incident was reported to have occurred inside the new Convocation Center Apartments, located on campus adjacent to the UCF Arena, at about 4:30 a.m. inside the victim's bedroom, a police charging affidavit states.



Ellis

Convocation Center residents said they were first notified of the incident not by university officials, but by local television news reporters requesting interviews.

"The reporter just asked me how I felt about not getting notified about it because I live in the same building as him," resident Jessie Hulse said. "I think we should have

a right to know because we live so close to him and that way we could get the facts straight and not just hear from word of mouth."

According to UCF Police reports, the incident started around midnight with a get-together among Ellis, the woman, and her roommates inside the woman's apartment. Both Ellis and the woman told the police that they were intoxicated.

The woman went to her bedroom at 3:30 a.m., and Ellis later followed and got into bed with her. Ellis then began rubbing the

woman's thigh, and she told him to stop. Ellis complied and returned to his own apartment.

About 20 minutes later, Ellis returned to the woman's bedroom, entered her bed a second time and began to lie with her in the "spooning position." This time Ellis began to rub her stomach and then placed his hand into her pants and touched the woman inappropriately.

The affidavit reports that Ellis admitted the inappropriate touching occurred for about 10 minutes.

PLEASE SEE ACCUSED ON A7

TAKING IT TO THE STREETS



War protest presses point

VANESSA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

A protest was held yesterday at UCF — titled "2,000 Too Many!" — against the war in Iraq. Pictures, names, faces and hometowns of all the 2,060 soldiers who have died since the beginning of the war were placed on a string banner and marched around the campus.

"We are trying to humanize the war; to make people realize that 2,000 is not just a number," Stacy Kowalski, a member of the Campus Peace Action, which sponsored the event, said. "These 2,000 people had names, grieving families and aspirations."

The march began in the Free Speech Lawn between the Library and the Math and Physics building. Protesters walked in front of the Library, through the Student Union, around the Pegasus Circle and ended their walk at the Memory Mall between the Health and Public Affairs and Classroom I buildings where they remained until 5 p.m.

During the march, classical music was played in the background, and protesters were not supposed

PLEASE SEE PROTESTERS ON A7

Soon-to-be grads say 'show me the retirement money'

Financial experts tell how to invest earlier, make higher profits

KATE HOWELL
News Editor

UCF student Amanda Simpson, 20, and her boyfriend, Valencia Community College student John Reno, 19, sat anxiously in the VCC West Campus Library Thursday contemplating their future investment options.

"It's something my mom talks about a lot," Simpson said. "I have two uncles who jump from job to job and pay no attention to the future. Mom worries about them, so she's drilled the idea of investing into my head."

However, Simpson said that while she would like to start an investment portfolio, her money knowledge is lacking and that the task is daunting. "I know just about nothing, so someone would have to hold my hand," she said.

Immediately, Reno reached over and took her hand. He is a little better off. Having been raised around

his father's small business and majoring in business himself, Reno describes himself as "reasonably competent" with money.

"I've considered investing," he said. "But I haven't paid much attention to it since I started school. I've been so busy with classes that it got put on the back burner."

Simpson and Reno are not alone; with the semester ending, soon-to-be graduates like Mike Snead, 22, are considering future investments.

"Now that I will have a degree, I might as well make the most of it," Snead said. "I don't want to be a greeter at Wal-Mart when I retire."

Snead said that he hopes to work at a company with a retirement plan to get him started and that he prefers low-risk investments.

"I'm a very low-risk kind of guy with my money," he said.

According to Jessica Thompson, an Oviedo-based investment representative with Edward Jones, a firm specializing in individual investments, Simpson, Reno and Snead are ahead of the norm; most college students and recent graduates are not even thinking about investing.

"They fail to start early," she said.

PLEASE SEE BUDGET ON A2

COURTESY STACY KOWALSKI

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

Fields of study go international

There will be an International Majors and Minors Fair from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today in the Student Union Room 218 AB.

The emphasis will be on internationalizing different fields of study.

For more information, call Bridget Ryan at 407-882-2328.

Can you learn to speak Arabic?

The UCF Center for Multilingual, Multicultural Studies will present 20-minute language sessions in Arabic, Chinese and others from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Center for Multilingual Multicultural Studies.

The sessions are intended to help students decide whether they have what it takes to learn a foreign language.

For more information, call Bridget Ryan at 407-882-2328.

Please play with your food

In honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, the Burnett Honors College will host a mashed potato sculpting contest from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. today at the Libra Community Center. RSVPs are required to participate.

For more information, e-mail Emily Boyd at eboyd@mail.ucf.edu.

Arboretum sells plants

The Arboretum will hold its annual plant sale from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday at the Arboretum.

Hundreds of beautiful bonsai and thousands of landscape ornamentals, herbaceous perennials, unique ferns, indoor foliage and Florida natives will be sold. All proceeds from the sale will go to replanting the Arboretum collections destroyed in the hurricanes last year.

Arboretum Director Martin Quigley and his staff will be on hand to discuss the plans for the rebirth of the Arboretum. Guided tours of the Arboretum's natural areas will be available.

The Arboretum is located on the eastern edge of the UCF campus. Signs will direct visitors to the sale area.

For more information, call Amanda Melco at 407-823-2761.

Greeks pair with Toys for Tots

Fraternity Alpha Tau Omega will host its second annual Rock the Wreath concert at 7 p.m. Friday on the front lawn of the ATO house.

Rock the Wreath is a charitable concert that benefits the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Admission is \$5 or a new, unwrapped toy.

Four local bands will perform including Gym Class Heroes, which recently achieved gold-record status on its latest album, *The Paper Cut Chronicles*.

For more information, call Rick Hyland at 561-236-6090.

Got a Date?

The UCF Pre-Professional Medical Society and the Pre-Med American Medical Student Association will hold its second annual Date Auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday in front of the Student Union.

For more information, e-mail Christina Ramgoolam at pppmssociety@yahoo.com.

Help Orlando's homeless

Volunteer UCF will be collecting blankets, pillows and clothes to donate to Orlando's homeless all day Friday in Student Union Room 208 in the Volunteer UCF cubicle.

For more information, e-mail Ameer Zufari at prolyameer@aol.com.

LET US KNOW

The *Future* wants to hear from you! If you have a club, organization or event and want your information to be considered for the Around Campus column, send a fax to 407-447-4556 or an e-mail to editor@ucfnews.com. Deadlines are 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Thursday edition, and 5 p.m. Friday for the Monday edition.

Students celebrate Pakistani roots

Fashion show, dances highlight second annual event during awareness week

TESS VECANSKI

Contributing Writer

Sporting glittery saris, bejeweled baubles and jingling bangles, members of the Pakistani community met Saturday night for the second annual Eid Mela held on campus.

The event, organized by the Pakistani Students Association, was held in the Communication Building as part of Pakistan Cultural Awareness Week and to benefit the Pakistan Earthquake Relief Fund.

According to alumnus Rizwan Rashid, Eid Mela is a festival held at the end of Ramadan, a month of fasting for the Islamic religion. The actual "eid" was last Thursday, and, this week, the "mela" was held, a celebration of culture.

The lobby of the Communication Building transformed into part-restaurant, part-advertising opportunity and part-bazaar. The main sponsor, Sizzler Restaurant, spread on tables an array of Pakistani and Indian cuisine. The fare included haleem, a soup popular among the guests, chicken

rolls resembling burritos, vegetable samosas and biy yan, a rice dish. The food was accompanied by not-so-traditional beverages, mainly Pepsi. Other sponsors, such as Millennium Executive Realty and Apna Bazaar, set up booths advertising condominiums and clothing. A table was also set up to accept donations for the Relief Fund. Food was served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which the "mela" began.

The inside of Communication 101 was alive with boisterous, modern Pakistani music and an audience dressed in native garb. Women dressed in vibrant saris that glittered and glowed in the low light of the room were accompanied by their dates and families and, in quite a few instances, light-up shoes.

One audience member said the event was not just for students, but for "the entire Pakistani community." She explained it was an opportunity not just to come out and celebrate, but also to collect donations.

The Kashmir earthquake,

the event benefiting from the gala, shook Pakistan on Oct. 8. According to the BBC, "49,000 people were killed in the earthquake, which destroyed or damaged nearly 200,000 homes and rendered an estimated 3 million people homeless."

When Zeeshan Shamsi, the president of the Pakistani Students Association, stood up to ask the 650 people in attendance for donations to help the victims of the earthquake, the crowd stood in silent grief.

"The major purpose of tonight is to raise money for the people of Pakistan," Shamsi said. He went on to list all of the money that the PSA has already raised and donated to the cause, including \$4,500 to a hospital in Pakistan and \$1,000 from UCF students. Before introducing the first act, Shamsi said, "Casualties are still increasing. Please donate generously."

According to Shamsi, the PSA has collected more than \$15,500 in donations for the victims.

The festival was forced to

begin late because more people were in attendance than the room could hold.

A performance by the new faculty and staff adviser Zia Bhai began the mela by singing "Qaumi Naghma." His song was followed by several dances where women spun in dazzling circles, more songs sung in Urdu, the national language of Pakistan, a poem of love by Abdullah, a skit explaining the difficulty of getting married and the highlight of the night: numerous fashion shows.

The fashions featured were the traditional and modern dress of Pakistan, such as saris and pants.

Shamsi was given the PSA 2004-05 Leadership Award, and Sonia Khan was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year.

Even though the festival ended after 11 p.m., more than half of the audience stuck around.

Attendees sat happily listening to the music and language of their culture and ended the evening with applause.

Budget key to practical investment plan

FROM A1

"They fail to plan, or, if they do save, they don't know what they're saving for. They put money away, but they don't know why."

Thompson stressed that beginning investments early will benefit investors in the long run, because the interest will have plenty of time to compound, or gather interest. She calls this "the power of compounding."

"If you fully fund an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) or Roth IRA from ages 18 to 27, which will cost about \$4,000 a year, you will end up with more money when you retire at age 65 than the person who started in their mid-30s and funded until age 65," she said, gesturing at a graph labeled "Cost of Waiting." This is because the money has more time, about 38 years, to accumulate interest, which is the key to a successful long-term investment.

Lee Siler, the host of a syndicated stock talk-radio show called *The Stock Doctor*, agreed.

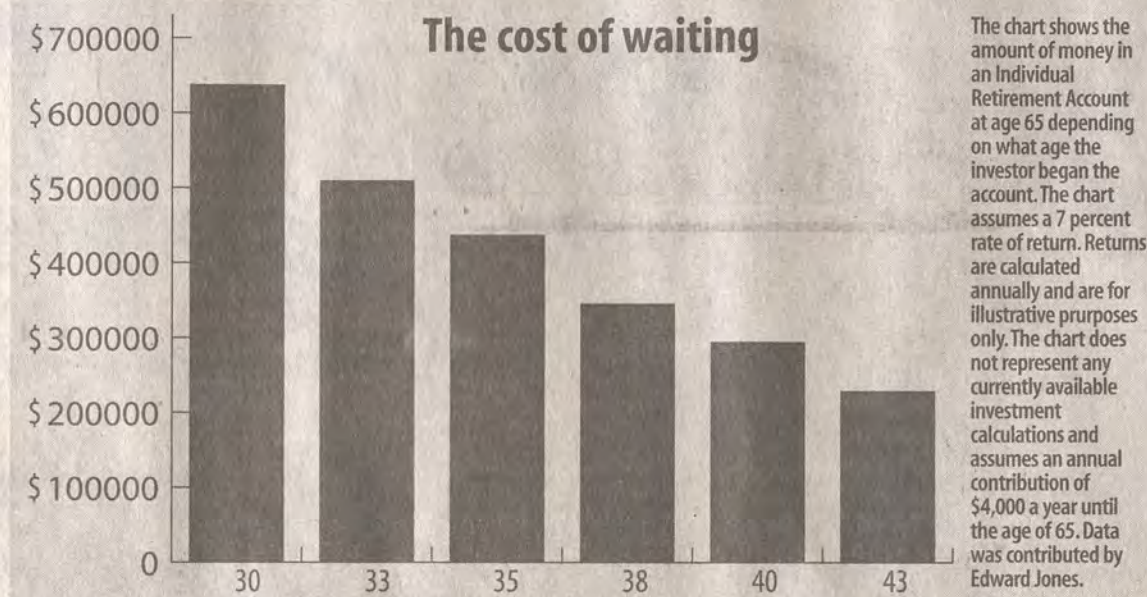
"Start immediately, as soon as you get into the workforce," he said. "You don't want to wait until you are 30 or 40."

Simpson said she would be happy to begin investing right out of college, if only she knew how. "They've always said it's better to start young than when you're old," she said. "It's the one thing I remember from high school economics. Unfortunately, it is the only thing."

So how should the far-sighted graduate go about investing?

"Make a budget," Thompson said. She recommended printing out a budget worksheet, found on the Web sites of most financial businesses including Edward Jones', and filling it out.

The worksheet will have blanks for your gross income, your income taxes and social security, housing costs, utilities, other miscellaneous expenditure such as food, movie tickets and dry cleaning, insurance premiums, transportation costs, loans and systematic savings — this is where your investments go. The goal is to subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income and have



some discretionary income left over.

"The budget sheet will help you figure out how much extra you have to save," Thompson said. She added that if you don't come up with any extra money or are spending more than you are taking in, by writing down where all of your money goes — down to the penny — for a week, you will be able to see where you can save.

"By bringing your lunch every Friday instead of going out, you could save \$40 a month," she said.

Snead is testing this theory. He began a savings account two weeks ago with \$300 and hopes to add \$100 a month. "I'm saving," he said. "I will find the flow."

Once you know how much you can invest per month, you can decide what to do with it.

Siler immediately suggested checking to see if your company has a 401K, an employer-sponsored retirement plan. Companies will often match an employee's contribution each month, sometimes with money and sometimes with company stock.

"It's simple, easy and the money, say \$25 a month, will be taken right out of your paycheck."

"If your company doesn't have a 401K, you can start your own," he said.

There are two types of IRAs, the traditional and the Roth. The difference is when you pay the taxes. With a traditional IRA, the taxes are paid when you retire, with the assumption that you will be in

a lower tax bracket. The Roth does the opposite. You pay the taxes up front and when you retire, the money isn't taxed. This assumes you will be in the same or a higher tax bracket when you retire.

This sounds good to Snead. "I'm hoping to make the big bucks when I get out of this rinky-dink, entry-level job," he said, referring to his job at Global Portals Online.

It is important to remember, however, that all 401Ks and IRAs penalize you if you withdraw money before retirement age, Thompson said.

Both Thompson and Siler recommended the Roth. "Most people stay in the same tax bracket their whole adult life," Thompson said.

If you would like a low-risk investment but aren't interested in an IRA, you want to supplement your retirement plans or you want an investment with a little more flexibility, then you can invest in a mutual fund.

Mutual funds allow multiple investors to pool their money into a variety of securities and are controlled by a fund manager. As long as the mutual fund is not attached to an IRA or 401K, money can be withdrawn at any time. According to Siler and Thompson, you can get involved in some mutual funds for as little as \$25 or \$50 a month.

Lee suggested going to a "mutual-fund supermarket, like Fidelity or Vanguard" and searching through their offerings. There are representatives there who can help you make a

decision. He also suggested looking at the Web site Morningstar.com, where you can research and read analysis of stocks, mutual funds and other investment opportunities.

Thompson, however, leaned toward investing through some kind of professional adviser or broker, but she added that it depended on how much work and time you were willing to commit to research.

"When you're sick, do you call a doctor, or do you go to WebMD and look up your symptoms," Thompson said. "It depends on how much research you are willing to do."

Reno and Simpson also liked the idea of a broker, saying that the idea of having a professional guiding their decisions is comforting.

When asked about investments, many people immediately think of the stock market. It sounds fun and exciting and can lure investors in with promises of quick wealth.

"After all," Reno said. "If you're going to gamble, it is better to do it in the stock market than in Las Vegas."

However, Siler warned that the stock market can hurt new investors working with a limited income because they tend to buy cheap stocks that are inherently high-risk.

"If you're inexperienced, you need to stick to mutual funds because stocks will hurt you," he said. "The biggest mistake they [new investors] make is trying to hit home runs. They are going out and taking too much risk. More risk than they really should."

NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines you may have missed

Midwest slammed by over 30 tornadoes; at least 2 people dead

MADISONVILLE, Ky. — Nearly three dozen tornadoes ripped through the Midwest, part of a huge line of thunderstorms that destroyed homes and killed at least two people.

Meteorologists said a cold front moving rapidly east collided with warm, unstable air from the south on Tuesday to produce the thunderstorms that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, spawning funnel clouds and tornadoes in parts of Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center had preliminary reports of at least 35 tornadoes in the five states, spokeswoman Peggy Stogsdill said Wednesday at the center in Norman, Okla.

It was the third outbreak of twisters this month. One tornado on Nov. 6 killed 23 people in southern Indiana, and nine tornadoes struck Iowa on Saturday, killing one woman.

Roofs of homes were caved in, walls were blown out and entire buildings were blown off foundations in parts of Madisonville on Tuesday.

One person was killed at Benton, Ky., when the storms destroyed a mobile home, said Lori King, public information officer for Marshall County Emergency Management Services.

Along with tornadoes, thunderstorms in Indiana produced wind of more than 100 mph and as much as 2 inches of rain, causing scattered flooding, said meteorologist Jason Puma at the weather service in Indianapolis.

China reports first cases of human bird flu; poultry being vaccinated

BEIJING — China reported its first three confirmed human cases of bird flu Wednesday as the government raced to vaccinate billions of chickens, ducks and other poultry in a massive effort to stop the spread of the virus.

The World Health Organization said the victims contracted the virulent H5N1 strain of bird flu, and two of them died.

The Health Ministry confirmed two human cases in the central province of Hunan and one in the eastern province of Anhui, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. Both areas reported outbreaks in poultry in the past month.

Experts are especially worried about the potential for bird flu to spread and mutate in China because of its vast poultry flocks and their close contact with people.

It also is a major migration route for wild fowl, which experts say might be spreading the virus.

The H5N1 virus has killed at least 64 people in Asia since 2003.

The fatalities were a 12-year-old girl in Hunan and a 24-year-old female poultry worker in Anhui, said Roy Wadia, a WHO spokesman in Beijing. The third case was the girl's 9-year-old brother, who fell ill but recovered.

Mental evaluation ordered for boy charged in school shooting

JACKSBORO, Tenn. — A judge Wednesday ordered a mental evaluation for a 14-year-old boy being held in a school shooting that left an administrator dead and two others wounded.

Special Juvenile Court Judge Michael Davis said he wants the exam performed before he decides whether Ken Bartley Jr. should be tried as an adult. He set a Jan. 31 court date to hear arguments.

Wednesday's 10-minute hearing was Bartley's first since the Nov. 8 shooting at Campbell County Comprehensive High School.

Police say Principal Gary Seale and Assistant Principals

PLEASE SEE NATION ON A4

LOCAL WEATHER

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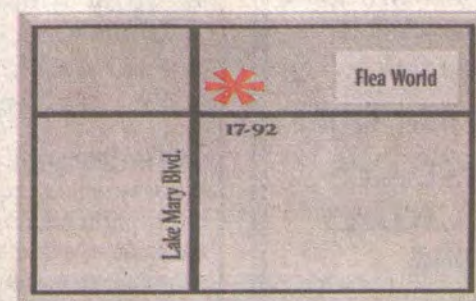
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HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

LSU med school brings displaced programs back to New Orleans
NEW ORLEANS — The LSU Health Sciences Center is working toward returning all six of its displaced programs to New Orleans as soon as possible, acting Chancellor Larry Hollier said Tuesday.

LSU's medical school and other health sciences programs have been temporarily headquartered in Baton Rouge since Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29.

Hollier said he made the announcement about the planned return in response to rumors that the programs may be leaving New Orleans for good.

"Let's be realistic. We cannot possibly move five major research buildings to Baton Rouge," Hollier said. "The research people have to come back here. That's where their labs and their research is. ... Therefore the school has to come back to New Orleans."

"We also want to be part of the rebuilding of New Orleans," Hollier said.

Calendar with scantily clad coeds causes campus concern

STORRS, Conn. — A calendar featuring scantily clad coeds from three state universities is raising some eyebrows.

"Campus Cuties: Connecticut Edition," a glossy 13-month calendar, will be released Wednesday by IConcept, a company formed by three University of Connecticut seniors.

The creators, all male, said they wanted to depict "girls next door" rather than professional models.

None of the women are nude, and some racier photos, including one of a student taking a bubble bath, were eliminated after local businesses expressed concern.

"We wanted to make it cute so it could be displayed everywhere from a family restaurant to a liquor store," said Raja Tarabishy, a company founder.

The students featured in the calendar attend UConn, Eastern Connecticut State University and Central Connecticut State University.

Student athletes get financial reality check; plan for future

ST. LOUIS — Like thousands of other student athletes around the country, Saint Louis University point guard Dwayne Polk may have an inflated view of his potential post-collegiate finances.

If a basketball career doesn't work out, he hopes to make about \$75,000 a year in an accounting or marketing job, which is about \$40,000 more than the average starting salary for a college graduate these days.

On Wednesday night, Polk will join an estimated 300 other student athletes at Saint Louis University to learn how to plan for their financial life after college. The program, Playbook for Life, has been conducted at five other schools around the nation so far.

The program is also open to non-athletes and is sponsored by a Connecticut based financial company.

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NATION & WORLD



Simon Wagler sorts through debris in the second story of his home in Cannelburg, Ind., following a tornado Wednesday.

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Ken Bruce and Jim Pierce were shot after they called Bartley into an office to question him about a student tip that he had brought a pistol to school.

Bruce, 48, died within hours. Pierce, 56, and Seale, 55, were in stable condition at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, about 35 miles south.

Bartley's lawyer, Mike Hatmaker, refused to comment as he left the courthouse.

Sheriff Ron McClellan said the investigation is continuing. He wouldn't say whether investigators have determined a motive.

Bartley had been in and out of trouble while in middle school and had spent about a

year and a half in a residential juvenile treatment program before his parents brought him home last spring.

Inflation moderates as gas prices dip after September record highs

WASHINGTON — Inflation pressures bombarding consumers moderated significantly last month as energy prices retreated after hitting record highs in September.

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices edged up just 0.2 percent in October, which was the best showing in four months.

In September, consumer prices had soared by 1.2 percent, the biggest one-month increase in 25 years.

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SCIENCE SPOTLIGHT

VANESSA FERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

According to recent article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, a new study reports that habitual coffee drinking is not associated with an increased risk of hypertension in women.

Hypertension is an artery disease in which chronic high blood pressure is the primary symptom. About 50 million people in the United States have hypertension, and the number is growing. Hypertension is a risk factor for coronary heart disease, stroke and heart failure.

Because of this, any small reductions in the occurrence of hypertension could have a significantly large public health and financial impact. A long-term effect of caffeine intake and the risk of developing hypertension is important to know considering the large amount of beverages containing caffeine and how often they are consumed.

Dr. Wolfgang C. Winkelmayr of Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and his colleagues conducted a study to determine whether caffeine intake or the consumption of certain drinks containing caffeine would be associated with an increased risk of incident hypertension in women.

Previous studies have shown that caffeine increases blood pressure and that there was a possible association between caffeine intake and the risk of hypertension. For this study, the researchers analyzed data from the Nurses' Health Studies I and II of U.S. women free from hyper-

tension, who were followed over the course of 12 years (1990-91 and then to 2002-03).

Caffeine intake and other information were obtained through regular questionnaires from the women.

Over the 12 years, 19,541 incident cases of hypertension were diagnosed by doctors by the NHS I and 13,536 women were diagnosed with hypertension in NHS II. Using categorical analysis, an inverse U-shaped association between caffeine consumption and incident hypertension was found. When studying individual classes of caffeinated beverages, coffee drinking was not associated with increased risk of hypertension.

"In this study with more than 1.4 million person-years of follow-up, the number of women in the study times the number of years of follow-up per woman, the relevant exposures and outcomes have been found valid and accurate, and coffee intake was updated to reflect changes in individual behavior," researchers said. "We found strong evidence to refute speculation that coffee consumption is associated with an increased risk of hypertension in women."

The study did find an association between the consumption of sugared or diet colas. "We speculate that it is not caffeine but perhaps some other compound contained in the soda-type soft drinks that may be responsible for the increased risk of hypertension. If these associations are casual, they may have considerable impact on public health," the researchers said.

The researchers have been given permission to further research and explain this association.

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Study calendars help teach students to manage their time

FROM A1

who disappeared with class notes just days before a test, the workshop attendees laughed and related to the scenarios described.

Materials presented included a sample calendar for creating a plan of action for the days remaining before an exam, lists of tutoring sessions and details about SARC being open for 24 hours for finals week — Dec. 4 through Dec. 9. Students were encouraged to utilize study groups, enjoy their Thanksgiving vacation, not use the time to “catch up” and meet with their professors to discuss any concerns they may have.

“Now is the time to talk to your professor,” Wright urged. She warned against attempting to bargain with professors, but use the time to really ask for help or advice.

Wright said that the workshops have become popular with students because of col-

laboration with various departments on campus, the academic advising centers and faculty. Additionally, the SARC has built a “good reputation” as a student resource and, as a result, has seen significant increases in the population it serves each year.

The second workshop, “Surviving Final Exams,” was designed to help students cope with the stress associated with final exams. It was held at The Gatherings apartment complex located on University Boulevard. The workshop addressed ways to cope with and conquer the stresses that are associated with the end of the semester.

The third workshop, “Final Exam Preparation — They are Around the Corner,” will focus on preparation and organization. According to Wright, students will learn skills to compress 19 chapters of material into a seven- or eight-page study guide, how to figure out what is important to study and

how to effectively approach a professor. The event is at 3 p.m. today in the Student Union Pegasus Room AB.

The final workshop, titled “End of the Semester Crunch,” will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the Nike Community Center. The workshop will consist of tips for power studying and reiterate points made on organization and stress management.

The SARC is located in Howard Phillips Hall Room 113. During the finals week, the center will be open 24 hours a day and offer students tutoring, testing supplies and free food with the assistance of the Student Government Association. For more information about workshops and final exam preparation, visit the SARC Web site at <http://www.sarc.sdes.ucf.edu>. The site offers more than 80 handouts to strengthen study and learning skills as well as a host of other valuable information for student success.

‘Tour of Asia’ offers view into culture

FROM A1

Asia is about “highlighting several countries’ traditions and cultures through song, dance, folklore skits and performances.”

Some of the countries that will be highlighted include Vietnam, China, India, Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, Korea, Polynesia and the Philippines.

During the tour, each country will be introduced with a multimedia slideshow presentation complete with narration pointing out what’s unique about that country’s culture, coupled with images of the countryside and native countrymen.

Live entertainment will also be on hand at the event. Tourgoers will see performances by

Kalena’s Polynesian Dance Troop, Filipino Student Association’s Filipino Dance Troop and the Indian Student Association.

The featured guests headlining the event include a group called Under A Groove and the Filipino Student Association’s Def Talent Jam.

The part of the tour that excites Szczepanski the most is the elaborate fashion show she has planned that showcases authentic Asian attire. Students will be modeling kimono from Japan, hanbok from Korea and barongs from the Philippines.

Szczepanski ordered the garments from overseas and is quick to show them off to students passing by the Asian Student Association’s cubicle in the Student Union.

This could be the first and last time Szczepanski plans the “Tour of Asia” from the group’s Office of Student Involvement cubicle. Szczepanski has been lobbying to have an Asian group included in UCF’s Multicultural Student Center, an SGA agency aiming to promote cultural programming on campus.

If an Asian group is admitted into the MSC, planning and coordination of future Asian awareness events would likely be planned in conjunction with the MSC and its professional advising staff located in its own office in the newly expanded first floor of the union.

Students seeking more information on the Asian Student Association and its “Tour of Asia” can visit <http://www.ucfasa.org>.

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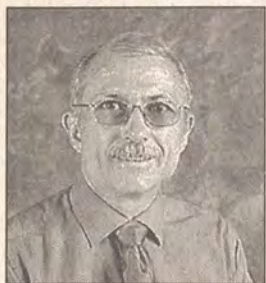
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I've been hearing a lot about the threat of flu this year. Can you update me on the status?

In a recent press release, President George W. Bush asked Congress for \$1.2 billion in emergency funding to prepare the United States for a possible pandemic of avian flu.

In light of the virulence of this strain of influenza and multiple reports of human death, health experts are concerned.

President Bush went on to

say "To respond to a pandemic, we must have emergency plans in place in all 50 states, in every local community. We must ensure that all levels of government are ready to act to contain an outbreak."

The current strain of avian flu rarely causes human infections although it has spread rapidly to many poultry flocks. Most recent statistics show only 122 infected people with 62 deaths. Because the virus is making steady mutations, concerns remain that the virus could mutate into an easily transmissible strain among humans.

With regard to current flu strains, there is no potential for a pandemic, but it can cause widespread outbreaks. Influenza remains a significant concern for young children and adults over 65 years old, as well as anyone with a chronic illness.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that every year 5 percent to 20 percent of the population will get the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized for flu complications, and about 36,000 people die each year. Symptoms usually include fever, headaches, extreme tiredness, dry cough,

sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle aches, and stomach symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children).

The virus is usually spread through respiratory droplets spread by coughing or sneezing. Occasionally, influenza is contracted by touching something contaminated with the virus and then touching your nose or mouth. Spread of the virus can occur one day prior to development of symptoms and up to five days after symptoms start.

The most effective method to prevent influenza is by getting a flu vaccination each fall. There are currently two methods of vaccination: the flu shot and the nasal spray vaccine. The spray vaccine is only an option for healthy individuals 5 to 49 years old.

About two weeks following vaccination, antibodies develop, which protect against the influenza virus infection. The vaccine has a very low incidence of side effects and is generally well tolerated. Unfortunately, it does not provide protection from other respiratory viral infections.

Although the vaccine is free for students, generally less than 10 percent of the UCF

student population is vaccinated. The best time for vaccinations is in October or November. Although flu outbreaks may begin as early as October, cases generally peak in January or February. Some cases may continue to occur as late as May.

UCF Health Services has been acting as a sentinel monitor for the CDC. We provide it with statistics for the number of flu-like illnesses seen, as well as testing of early cases to determine strain. The CDC maintains a database throughout the United States and provides weekly updates on geographical prevalence as well as predominant strains.

Current activity in Florida has been sporadic, and no activity has been reported from UCF. We also have antiviral medication that can help to reduce symptoms and duration of the illness. To be most effective, treatment needs to be started within the first few days of illness.

Prevention through vaccination can significantly reduce the spread of influenza throughout the student population. Information about vaccination schedules can be obtained from the health center.

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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES



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Date auction raises money to aid relief

Circle K Club holds fundraiser event to support victims of Hurricane Katrina

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Contributing Writer

The UCF Circle K Club put its members up for sale at a date auction Monday night in hopes of helping fund houses for hurricane victims.

Jim Wright, the club's faculty adviser, was the auctioneer for the event.

He has been a member of UCF's sociology department since 2001; however, this auction was especially important to him. Before coming to UCF, he was a faculty member at Tulane University in New Orleans.

We are "rebuilding homes of people I used to know," Wright said.

The proceeds were donated to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity is planning to build 51 house frames to benefit the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Each frame will represent one of the 50 states, and one will represent Washington, D.C. The frames will be built in Washington, D.C., and shipped to the Gulf Coast. Construction of the houses will start in early 2006.

The event raised \$1,071, which is more than \$300 than what was originally hoped for, according to Circle K's president Lori-Ann Barnett.

The date auction raised \$840. Tickets for a two-day, one-night cruise to the Bahamas and tickets to an Orlando Magic game were auc-



Amanda Guelzow, CKI Treasurer, auctioned off CKI President Lori-Ann Barnett with the help of auctioneer and faculty adviser, Jim Wright.

tioned off in a silent auction, raising \$140. Raffle tickets and drinks raised another \$91.

The raffle prizes included a \$15 Starbucks gift certificate, a \$25 Amazon.com gift certificate, a \$20 Carrabba's Italian Grill gift certificate and 10 spaghetti dinner tickets from Fazoli's.

The club also collected five teddy bears at the auction and seven bears at its meeting earlier Monday evening for its Ninth

Annual Teddy Bear Drive.

The donated bears will be distributed to organizations such as the Children's Home Society, the Boys and Girls Club and the Orlando Day Nursery. Amanda Guelzow, 21, treasurer of Circle K, said.

The drive will continue until Nov. 28. There will be boxes in the Student Union for more donations.

"Hopefully [the auction] can become an annual event," Guel-

zow said.

About 60 students showed up for the event. Among those in attendance was the club's district governor, Vickie Jones.

"We don't pump gas. We pump service hours," Barnett said.

For information about the Circle K Club, visit <http://pegasus.cc.ucf.edu/~circlek>. For more information about donating to the Habitat for Humanity, visit <http://www.habitat.org>.

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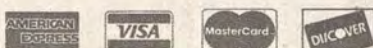
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Protesters display faces of dead soldiers

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to say a word throughout their walk.

The event had been in planning for the past month. Members of Campus Peace Action got the idea after attending the anti-war protest in Washington last September.

"United for Peace and Justice had put this same visual display together," Kowalski said. "It blew our minds; the string just seemed to go on forever. It had such a huge impact on us; we knew we had to bring it to UCF."

"For this event, putting everything together was the most time-consuming part."

Kowalski said other UCF organizations were contacted as well, inviting them to participate. "All we were asking for was attendance and support," she said. "The string is over 1,000 feet long; we needed all the people we could get."

Protesters said the strong visual element of the display made it ideal to illustrate their point.

"The march is strictly for the visual display, to show people what 2,000 people really looks like," Kowalski said. "Also, to honor the lives of those that have died."

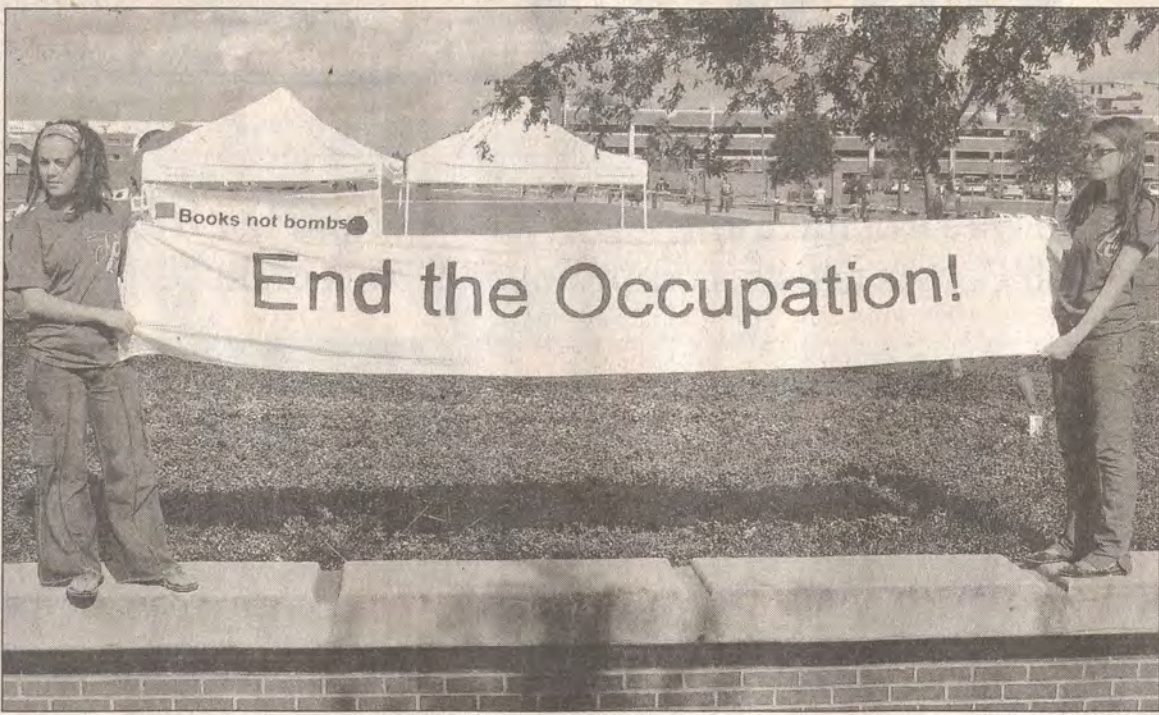
Campus Peace Action member Mychel Estevez agrees.

"You have to respect the lives being lost. It breaks my heart," Estevez said.

Names of the fallen soldiers were found on CNN.com. The Web site listed all the information that was needed for this event, including pictures, names and the regiments the soldiers belonged to.

But like any protest, Campus Peace Action was prepared for the negative response they received from this event.

"We understand that the war is controversial, so we do anticipate some sort of negative response from some. All



Members of Campus Peace Action displayed this banner to further emphasize their discontent for the ongoing war in Iraq.

we can do is respect the opinion of others," Kowalski said.

Several people opposed to the protest came out and voiced their opinions.

"I really don't think it's right because they don't have permission from the families, and these soldiers didn't die for their anti-war cause," Lolita Gonzalez, a hospitality major, said. "These people have families grieving. The Progressive Council does not speak for over 2,000 dead soldiers."

Political science major Will Lusk opposed the protest in memory of the soldiers.

"You're using them as puppets," Lusk said. "The soldiers should be honored. This serves no protest at all."

"The purpose is to get people to see this," Austin Smith, a member of Campus Peace Action, said. "They need to realize how many people have died."

Ashlee Higginbotham, a social-science education major, said that soldiers know what could happen to them. "When you sign up for the military, you know what you're

getting into," Higginbotham said.

"This event is not for those who are not open-minded," Mike Segall, a UCF alumnus, said. "These people that are arguing are not worth it. This is not for them."

Signs for the event stated that "War is not the Answer" and "Quagmire Accomplished."

The protest also featured speaker John Barry from the National Lawyers Guild and Iraq War veteran Jeffrey Smith.

Smith enlisted in 1997 when he was only 25 years old. He was called into duty prior to the invasion of Iraq, fought in the Middle East for a year and spent a total of nine months in Iraq.

"When we arrived, we faced reality," Smith said. "Morale was extremely low. I was in the National Guard unit that was filled with college students. The morale got even lower when we realized that there were no Weapons of Mass Destruction."

"This event is not dishonor-

ing the fallen," Smith said. "We don't want anymore to fall."

After this event, Campus Peace Action hopes to take its string banner to downtown Orlando.

"We are going to wait to do it after Thanksgiving," Kowalski said. "When we do it downtown, it will be on a Saturday night, when downtown is at its busiest."

"Nonetheless, we still felt it was necessary to present this at UCF. It is our age group that has the power to make changes. In addition, it is our age group that will be dealing with the effects of this war, including the loss of lives, the huge deficit as well as the ever-increasing threat of terror that has only escalated as a direct result of this war."

This is not the first time that Campus Peace Action has voiced its opinion against the war in Iraq. Students attend local and national rallies as well as protests, and they were responsible for last year's tent event, where they set up tents and lived on campus on the Free Speech Lawn for 30 days.

Accused football cornerback suspended for season

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The affidavit does not say whether the woman asked Ellis to stop during this time.

The affidavit does not explain how Ellis entered the woman's apartment a second time.

Convocation Center Apartments have state-of-the-art security mechanisms that require residents to have their UCF ID cards programmed to act as keys to enter their apartments. Apartment doors automatically lock after they are closed, unless residents somehow prop them open.

It's unknown whether the woman's door was locked shut or propped open when Ellis was reported to have returned.

Though the affidavit did not say if the woman asked Ellis to stop during the inappropriate touching, UCF Police charged Ellis with non-consensual felony sexual battery based on a provision in the Florida statutes that prevents the physically helpless from consenting.

"Physically helpless means unconscious, asleep, or for any other reason physically unable

to communicate unwillingness to an act," according to state statutes.

The charging affidavit states that the woman had consumed three 12-ounce beers, one 32-ounce Smirnoff Twist and two shots of Captain Morgan Rum and says that, because of this, "... the victim was intoxicated and unable to consent to sex."

The state of Florida says for someone to consent to sexual activity, it must be "intelligent, knowing, and voluntary," and cannot include "coerced submission." The statute also states, "consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance to the offender."

According to Orange County Jail spokesman Allan Moore, Ellis has posted \$5,000 bond, and the only restriction placed on him while he awaits trial is to have no contact with the woman and to abstain from using alcohol or drugs.

While Ellis is currently allowed to come onto the UCF campus to attend class, his ability to do so may end if the university's Office of Student Conduct takes action to suspend or

expel him from school.

Details and rulings of student conduct cases are protected by privacy laws, but UCF Assistant Director of Housing Jeff Novak confirmed in a prepared statement that "the case is being handled through student conduct as is appropriate."

Unlike a trial in criminal court, which requires prosecutors to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that he sexually battered the woman, UCF's Office of Student Conduct only requires proof that it was "more likely than not" the accused violated university rules.

Punishment for any violation of UCF's rules of conduct could range from probation, which is essentially a warning, to expulsion from the university.

UCF football Coach George O'Leary has stated publicly that he is awaiting the results of the student conduct hearing before he will determine Ellis' future status on the bowl-eligible Golden Knights football team.

Friends of Ellis have been reluctant to speak to the media concerning the accusations against Ellis, which have received national attention. But

the football player's Facebook.com online profile had several messages of support and encouragement from those close to him.

UCF Senior Marcus Hyatt posted: "Im praying for you man, just keep your head up and know that God is going to bring you through this. HE is in control of everything. I got your back man, some people try not to associate with you when ur going through trouble, but I got u in my prayers. Im right there by ur side. The only thing that matters is what the LORD says, forget what everyone else thinks."

Hyatt was not alone. Similar posts of support from Ellis' friends lined his virtual Facebook.com wall late Tuesday night.

Though Ellis declined to speak to the *Future*, he posted a message in response to his friends' words of encouragement, followed by passages from the Bible, on his Facebook.com wall.

"Just wanted to say thanks for the support and that I love you all to," Ellis wrote Wednesday night. "As long as you pray for me, I will pray for you."

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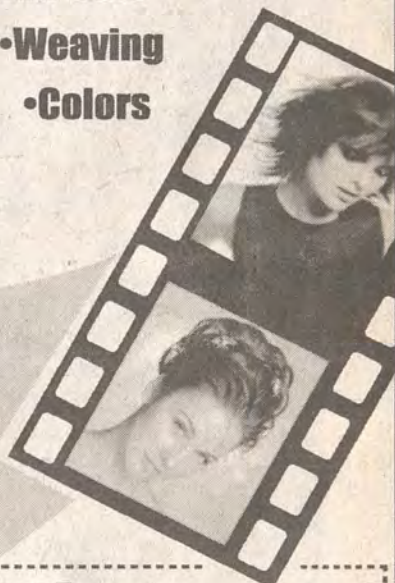
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DVD RELEASE FOR WEEK OF NOV. 22 King Kong

At long last, the original 1933 *King Kong* gets released on DVD. Whether you pick up the normal version or one of the sweet collector's versions, this is the pick of the week.

Hurricane Katrina affected people from all walks of life. Now, a UCF alumna and her friends are working together to help get the Gulf Coast's artistic community get back on its feet.



Pottery bowls and other works of art line the shelves in T. Robert's studio in Christmas, Fla. Many of the works were donated by local and national artists to help benefit fellow artists who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. Many of the works of art, such as the large bowl on the left, are accompanied by notes from the artists that explains their motivation behind creating the piece.

MARY KNOWLES / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE

Sculpting support

MARY KNOWLES
Contributing Writer

Art and compassion will join forces at a pottery festival organized by UCF alumni this Saturday to benefit artists stricken by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

About 20 UCF alumni and other artists from around the world are donating pottery, time and effort to the festival. The festival begins at 9 a.m. Nov. 19 and will feature a silent auction of pottery, as well as pottery for sale throughout the day.

Visitors can try their hands at throwing pots on an artist's wheel. They can also glaze pre-made bisque ware pieces, which will be fired in a kiln on-site in about 40 minutes, using a technique known as raku firing. The suggested donation for these activities is about \$15.

The festival's inspiration came when T. Robert, a 2003 UCF ceramics alumna and local pottery instructor, heard from a colleague living outside Biloxi, Miss., whose home and studio were destroyed by Katrina.

Potters often can't get insurance for equipment such as kilns, which can cost up to \$20,000 to construct. The Craft Emergency Relief Fund, a non-profit organization which helps artists get back on their feet after natural disasters, will receive a portion of the proceeds from the festival. The rest will go directly to colleagues of Robert's in the Gulf Coast region.

After hearing from her friend, Robert decided to organize the festival and began soliciting donations from her network of pottery contacts, asking them to donate one piece each.

Donations began pouring in from across the United States and from countries such as Japan



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T. Robert, left, and colleague Rindy Gentile paint display stands for their upcoming pottery sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to benefit artists and sculptors whose studios were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Pottery sale

When: Begins 9 a.m. on Nov. 19
Where: T. Robert's studio in Christmas

Robert's studio is located at 1329 Bonneau Blvd., Christmas, Fla., 32709. To get to the studio, head east on State road 50 about 12 miles. Take a right on Taylor Creek Road, then a right on Sisler Avenue and finally and left on Bonneau Boulevard.

and Sweden. Robert's studio soon had tables full of bowls, mugs, plates, lanterns, tea sets, vases and other works, including a piece from a woman in Bay St. Louis, Miss., who also lost equipment to Katrina.

"Pretty much everybody it was mentioned to said, 'I want to help,'" Rindy Gentile, a UCF alumna and colleague of Robert's, said.

The pieces showcase a variety of glazes, firing techniques and sculpting methods.

"Looking over [the donations], you can find a representation of every genre of pottery," Jasun Laliberte, a UCF alumnus and local potter, said.

Well-known potters such as Peter Callas and Paul Soldner, who introduced raku firing to the United States from Asia in the 1950s, are among the donors. Many of the donors sent handwritten notes, which Robert plans to give to buyers, so that they have the history of each piece.

For Robert, the festival is a deeply personal undertaking, not only because she has friends

PLEASE SEE **PROCEEDS** ON A9

Rory pieces together first full-length album

Altamonte Springs band recently opened for Less Than Jake

JESSICA GASPAROLO
Contributing Writer

With the pressure to continually write new songs, relentlessly produce demos, plan self-made tours and connect with the musical community, what kind of release can a band crave?

For the Altamonte Springs rock band, Rory, this release isn't sleep or vacation, it's working harder and staying up later to cre-

ate its first full-length album.

"It's hard to describe the direction of the full-length because we never approach a song with how we want it to sound; we just piece parts together," said Jordan Shroyer, 21, guitarist and UCF student.

Shroyer, who along with lead vocalist Jeremy Menard, 23; bassist/vocalist Marc Ispass, 20; guitarist/cellist/vocalist Chris Moore, 22; and drummer Joel Setzer, 22; agrees that their evolved style is a mix of rock, pop and progressive music.

To understand the Rory of today, it is important to investigate its roots. Starting in 1998, Shroyer and Ispass created their first band. They played ska and punk cover songs at a middle school talent show and were known as Freshly Squeezed.

Four years and several band members later, the definitive members of Rory came together.

"That's when everything started to make sense and sound like music," said Shroyer.

Rory distributed around 1,000 free demos throughout 2003 and experienced the rewards of its avid promoting when a scout for Brad Fischetti discovered its CD. Fischetti, former member of the group LFO, signed Rory to his budding label, One Eleven Records, in July 2003.

"We liked the idea of starting with a label that was just starting itself," Shroyer said. "The way kids look at record labels now, everyone thinks 'Oh, that's the next Drive

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Rory, an indie rock band from Altamonte Springs, is working on its first full album for its label, One Eleven Records.

Mild about *Harry*, but some magic lives

Darker *Potter* film lacks personality of earlier entries

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

Let's get one thing straight: It's hard to screw up a Harry Potter movie, with such devotion and detail spilling over from J.K. Rowling's admired novels right into their film counterparts.

Then again, making a great one isn't so easy either, and somewhere in the middle lies *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, the fourth chapter in the fantasy saga and one that inevitably feels lesser in the shadow of its precursors. Worry not: *Goblet* doesn't snuff that magic spark, but the glow is starting to grow dimmer.

Beginning their fourth year at Hogwarts, Harry, Ron and Hermione (Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Wat-



"Mad Eye" Moody (Brendan Gleeson) keeps watch over Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe).

son) arrive at school, soon followed by the appearance of a flying carriage and a submerged ship, each bringing representatives from fellow magical establishments Beauxbatons and Durmstrang.

Hogwarts is to host the Triwizard Tournament, in which a student from each school will participate after their names

emerge from the titular fiery cup. Harry Potter is deemed a contender, despite his ineligibility by both age and ability, and, under an atmosphere of suspicion, he is forced to compete in the risky event.

While not a complete disappointment, *Goblet of Fire* is easily the weakest adaptation yet in the Harry Potter saga.

Though Chris Columbus brought a genuine sense of awe and wonder to the first two films and Alfonso Cuarón gave the third entry greater purpose and excitement, the series is being helmed by a British director for the first time, Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Mona Lisa Smile*). This may very well account for *Goblet's* lack of distinct personality and rushed result.

From Rowling's 734-page volume, her prologue, consisting of about the first 150 or so pages, is covered too easily within the first reel. It leaves the Weasley's abode with little mention of the family itself, and once they arrive at the Quidditch World Cup, the match is set up and then discarded, skipping instead to the post-game festivities, which are soon interrupted by followers of you-know-who.

With so much and yet so little happening within mere minutes, Harry and company

PLEASE SEE **STRONG** ON A10

Walk the Line cashes in on strong lead acting jobs

WILLIAM GOSS
Staff Writer

Walk the Line is an average drama that solely stands out from the recent crowd of high-profile biopics on account of a pair of stellar performances from Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon as they depict the legendary life and times of musical superstar Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash.

Line chronicles the life of Cash (Phoenix), from his childhood in Alabama to his initial success that landed him on tour with the likes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis and June Carter (Witherspoon), then to his drug addiction and recovery, and ending with his eventual marriage to Carter in 1968.

Phoenix's depiction of Cash is every bit as remarkable as expected, though it manages to be a great impression as opposed to a superb personification of the star.

He gets the voice, the look and the attitude down just right, but one cannot manage to shake the notion that this is Phoenix doing a great job impersonating Cash instead of Cash himself strolling across the screen.

Like David Strathairn as Edward Murrow in *Good Night, and Good Luck*, his performance is certainly worthy of acclaim and recognition, but Phoenix fails to truly embody Cash enough to actually merit an Oscar win.

Equally deserving of praise are the supporting performances, particularly that of Witherspoon as Carter, as she contributes her best work since 1999's *Election*. She brings Carter's personality to vivid life effortlessly, whether she is entertaining fans or being a constant companion to Cash through thick and thin.

Robert Patrick also does an outstanding job portraying Ray Cash, Johnny's difficult-to-please father. The rest of the cast rarely strikes a false note, specifically Tyler Hilton as Elvis and Shooter Jennings as his father, Waylon Jennings. Furthermore, all the actors sing the tunes themselves, providing commendable covers of the original songs, including "Ring of Fire," "Get Rhythm," and "I Walk The Line," among others.

What carries the film as it progresses is the dynamic between Johnny Cash and June Carter. Along with his brother, Cash admired Carter as she was a child star, and though she rejects his persistent advances on the road, Carter remains a devoted friend, even when Cash's lifestyle turns reckless.

Though they were each married with children, Cash always wanted to be more than a friend, much to the dismay of his current wife, Vivian (Ginnifer Goodwin). The film caps



All different kinds of pottery and sculpture will be available at the sale.

Proceeds will go to replace equipment

FROM A8

affected by the storm, but because she remembers the aftermath of last year's string of hurricanes. The shed which houses one of her largest kilns lost its roof and was flooded, and another kiln also had damage.

"If I'd lost this kiln, I would have lost my livelihood," Robert said in an interview at her studio, pointing toward one of her larger kilns.

"We're all human when a disaster hits us, regardless of race, religion or color," UCF ceramics professor Hadi Abbas said. UCF's Potters Guild, a coalition of students in the ceramics program, is donating several pieces to the festival. The Guild also participates in the Empty Bowl Project, in which a downtown homeless shelter sells meals that are served in bowls made by students.

Generosity is a vital component of the ceramics community, according to Robert.

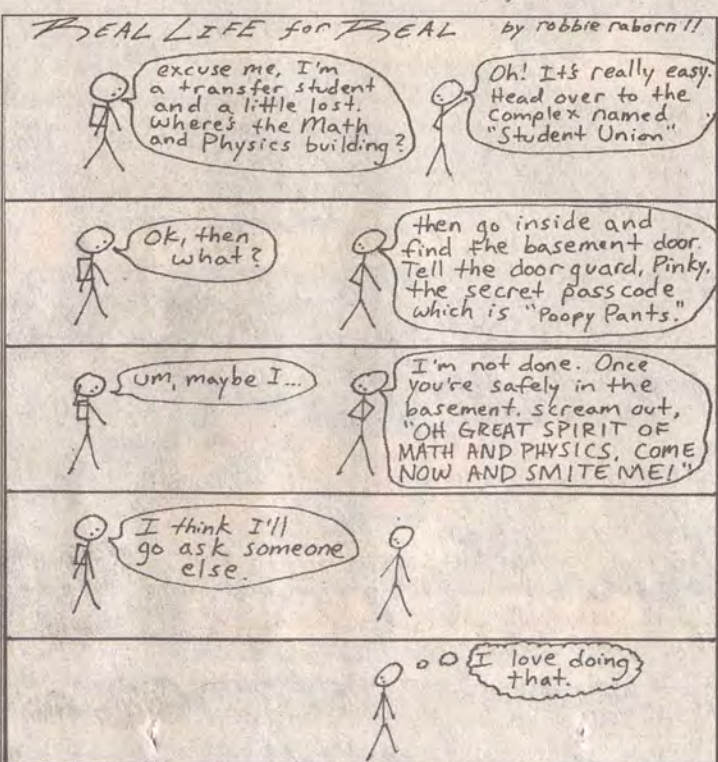
"It's a very tight-knit kind

of community, and we all support one another," she said. In an age when most people buy their pottery from Pier One, potters cherish the friendships of other craftspeople, frequently sharing kilns and supplies with each other.

The festival will be held at T. Robert's studio in Christmas, about 12 miles east of S.R. 50 and Alafaya Trail. From S.R. 50, make a right onto Taylor Creek Road, a right onto Sisler Avenue, and a left onto Bonneau Boulevard; the studio is at 1329 Bonneau Blvd. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be for sale.

Robert said she hopes the festival will raise awareness about the craft of pottery and the people who practice it, along with providing relief to people trying to rebuild lives and careers.

The festival's theme seems to echo a quote that a donor mailed with her contribution: "While the substance of ceramics is clay and chemicals, the stuff of life is most certainly people."



Group uses creativity in presentation

FROM A8

Through band' or 'that's the next Vagrant band' and they think they know what the band will sound like. It's nice to know that this label will be thought of as what our band is, and not what other bands were before it."

After signing with Fischetti, Rory began working on its first professional EP with Chris Fudurich. One Eleven Records flew Fudurich in from Los Angeles for five days to work with Rory at the ARS Studios in Winter Springs. Shroyer said that the five days in the studio felt like seven because they were recording night and day.

The EP is titled *Always Right As In We Are*, and features five melodic-yet-jarring tracks. The lung-wrenching vocals accentuate powerful riffs and technical rhythms, which create the band's fresh sound.

Rory's song titles also spark individuality: "Packed More Trunks Than the New Jersey Mob" and, more recently, "Tonight I Just Don't Care, I'm Eating a Candy Dinner."

The creative ideas for merchandise are collaborative, too, but Ispass generates the actual templates, Shroyer added.

"A lot of bands recycle the same designs with blood and guns, but we try to do ridiculous designs with balloon animals and flyswatters," Shroyer said.

In September, Rory was invited by veteran band Less Than Jake to open for its three tour dates in Florida. This included South Florida's Revolution, Orlando's House of Blues and a sold-out show at DeLand's Stetson University.

Opening for Less Than Jake enabled Rory to play for a diverse and expansive crowd. At the House of Blues, there were about 1,500 people, making it the largest show Rory has ever performed at, Shroyer said.

After the Less Than Jake dates, Rory began its second self-made tour, beginning on Sept. 22 and arriving back in Orlando on Oct. 3.

"I've always had more respect for bands who went out and did their own thing before they had help from a label," Shroyer said.

Ispass, who contacted all the venues and MapQuested all the directions, planned the Midwest tour.

"I liked that the tour was unconventional," he said. "It was scary to be out there with the bad financial circumstances and crappy shows, but it builds character, gives street cred."

The band is now planning its trip to Los Angeles to record its full-length record. The album should be released in stores by June 2006, according to Shroyer.

"It's going to be strange once the record is done," Shroyer said. "It'll be the first time in seven years that I won't be concentrated on writing songs. And I'll have a break from all that for the first time since I was in middle school."

Rory will be on tour with Self Against City in early March 2006 and can be contacted via the band's Web site: <http://www.roryrock.com>

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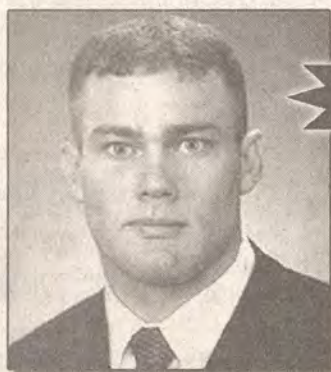
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Strong ending saves *Potter*

FROM A9

are already off to school once more, where they encounter even more trims. Gone are the Dursleys and the hallway-haunting ghosts (with the exception of Moaning Myrtle), and caretaker Argus Filch is reduced to mere comic relief.

However, not all omissions are equally painful. Hermione's entire campaign for the rights of house elves is thankfully excised, and the brief appearances of tabloid journalist Rita Skeeter (portrayed rather flatly by Miranda Richardson) could have been removed to no loss.

At one point, the suggestion was to split the film into two volumes, one to be released at Thanksgiving and the other at Christmas. As overwhelming as that would have been, the final cut ends up trimming too much and still drags regardless, with the all-exposition first act a necessary evil to get the story off the ground.

After that, the episodic nature of the trio of Tournament tasks and the events that occur in between feel an awful lot like wheels spinning more than plot progress.

As the film goes on, the time for — and between — each challenge is reduced. Each Tournament task is well executed visually, even if not near-

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

★★★★•

Director: Mike Newell

Stars: Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Michael Gambon

Starts Friday in select theaters

ly as compelling as desired. Each segment is then flanked by hollow opportunities for hormones-a-go-go (particularly the Yule Ball), a chance for Ron to sulk, and even more plot shaving.

If one is unfamiliar with the book, the story could easily confuse relative newcomers. Bigger and bigger hints are dropped as to who the real culprit is, but what may seem too obvious to fans may puzzle others.

Those looking to see this film unaware of the conclusion would do best to skip the next paragraph, in which I discuss the climax.

The biggest redeeming factor of this film is the true end of the Triwizard Tournament, in which Harry Potter witnesses the rebirth of his nemesis, Voldemort, played with an eerie menace by Ralph Fiennes.

The sequence, including the death of a certain character, carries all the proper weight

that it should, and it helps certify the saga's path into PG-13 territory. This dark turn marks the shift of the remaining story arc, and it is executed well enough to compensate for the weakness evident in the preceding scenes.

As expected, everyone returns to the roles in a mature and consistent fashion, even if many of the supporting characters are shifted to the background, and Brendan Gleeson makes a wonderful contribution as "Mad-Eye" Moody, the latest Defense against the Dark Arts professor.

However, the absence of John Williams is apparent with the sparse score, and director Newell fails to really bring his own unique touch on this entry, approaching the story with less enthusiasm and ambition, instead demonstrating a greater impression of obligation than the other directors ever did.

While not a complete let-down, the weaknesses of *Goblet* are too numerous to rank it as highly as its predecessors.

As the conclusion promises, darker times lie ahead for Harry and the rest of the Hogwarts gang. Hopefully, a different director, even a previous one (Cuarón, I'm looking at you) may arrive to rekindle the flame for adventures to come.

Detail compensates dull camera work

FROM A9

off after he recorded his renowned Folsom County Prison performance and as he proposes to Carter yet one more time.

Director James Mangold (*Identity*, *Kate and Leopold*) co-wrote the screenplay with Gill Dennis from a pair of Cash's autobiographies, and the rich detail gives the story more authenticity and helps compensate for Mangold's lackluster effort behind the camera.

The cinematography alternates between mammoth close-ups of the leads and equally

Walk the Line

★★★★•

Director: James Mangold

Stars: Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Patrick, Tyler Hilton

Starts Friday in theaters

shaky shots to convey the frenzy of both success and resentment.

Soon after a montage that seems to speed past most of Cash's rising stardom, the momentum of the first half evaporates as the film heads into highs-and-lows territory, and this is where the frequent comparisons to last year's *Ray*

become apparent — other than the fact that both had a brother pass away during their rural adolescence. Once more, good music and great acting improve what would otherwise be a typical story.

The strong performances of Witherspoon and Patrick help support Phoenix's exceptional portrayal, and together, the trio help elevate this by-the-numbers biopic and transform it into something noteworthy.

Walk the Line may be singing the same old song, yet the cast still puts all its effort into hitting the right notes and making the best music it possibly can.

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With a win over Rice, UCF would clinch a spot in the C-USA Championship game



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UCF senior receiver Brandon Marshall, above, is one of the Knights' most experienced players. The leadership of Marshall and other veterans will be pivotal for the Knights this weekend with a divisional title on the line.

IT'S THERE FOR THE TAKING

A UCF win this weekend means the Knights will play for C-USA crown

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

This weekend, the UCF football team will have the chance to dive head-first into uncharted waters.

For the Knights, things couldn't get any more cut and dry.

If UCF can take care of business against Rice this weekend, in its final regular season game of the year, then the Knights will have earned a place in the C-USA Championship game on Dec. 3, no questions asked.

Thanks to Houston's upset win over Southern Miss on Sunday, UCF is the only football team in C-USA's East Division with one conference loss, meaning that if the Knights can pick up a win this Saturday, they will have clinched the division title and a date with the West Division champion in the conference title game.

"With Houston helping us Sunday night, everything is on the table. There is no guess work," UCF Coach George O'Leary said. "You win, you have a chance to play in the conference championship."

There is no more counting on anyone else. It's on our shoulders to go out and get the job done. I think the



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UCF Coach George O'Leary has engineered one of the best turnaround stories in the history of NCAA football.

players understand that."

For the Knights, it's not such a tough spot to be in, especially considering that only two months ago today, the Knights lost to USF to extend the longest losing streak in the nation to 17 games.

Now, with the Knights winning

seven of their last eight games, the losing streak is a distant memory, and the players are focused on the task at hand: beating Rice.

The Knights come into Saturday's game as a 10.5-point favorite and,

Who's hosting the big one?

If both current division leaders were to win out, UCF in the East Division and UTEP in the West Division, the Miners would host the Conference USA Championship game over the Knights because UTEP has the highest BCS ranking (No. 32 over UCF's No. 52).

Both teams would have the highest regular season winning percentage (7-1, .875), and the teams did not meet, so the tiebreaker goes to the team with the highest BCS ranking.

If the Knights were to win their final game of the season at Rice and UTEP was to lose one of its final two C-USA games, then the C-USA Championship game would be played at the Citrus Bowl.

Well-deserved recognition

UCF senior kicker Matt Prater garnered C-USA special teams Player of the Week honors after his performance in the Knights' win over UAB last Saturday. Prater tied a UCF record with four field goals, including the game winner over the Blazers.

After struggling in recent weeks, Prater was a key part of UCF's victory. He accounted for 13 of the Knights' 27 points on that day and made two fourth-quarter field goals with the wind in his face.

PLEASE SEE **UCF** ON A13

Stopping the run will be key focus for Knights' defense

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

The typical UCF freshman is not much of a contributor to the atmosphere around campus. More than likely, they are struggling to figure out where the campus is before moving on to something tougher, such as rebuilding the attitude of a losing football program.

For the eight true freshmen and six redshirt freshmen in the UCF

two-deep depth chart, the task has been simple. Grow up now, or sit on the bench and watch the opportunity to join a reformed program pass by.

"Usually freshmen that play right away don't act like freshmen," UCF Coach George O'Leary said.

So on the day the Rice Owls honor their senior class, the Golden Knight youth will take the field in hopes of bringing the school a division championship and a possi-

ble fifth home game. For a small class of seniors that have meant so much to the program, it is the least they could do.

Here's how the Knights final regular season game breaks down.

When UCF has the ball...

Key Matchup: Rice defensive end John Syptak versus UCF offensive tackles Patrick Brown and Josh Sitton.

The UCF offensive line has

stepped up to an elite status in the conference, allowing just three sacks over the last four games. Quarterback Steven Moffett can be credited for making better reads and not holding the ball too long, but the big men up front are on the verge of becoming dominant.

Syptak leads an unusual Rice defense that played a 4-2-5 alignment before this season. Injuries

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Knights seek fresh start in playoffs

Volleyball team looks to C-USA postseason

ANDY JACOBSON
Staff Writer

After ending the regular season on Sunday, the UCF volleyball team (8-16, 6-10 C-USA) is gearing up for what it is calling a whole new season. The Knights will have the opportunity to make up for a disappointing regular season this week at the Conference USA tournament in Houston.

"We know that we haven't had the greatest record in our conference, but we look at it as we have a whole new season, it's all fair game," senior libero Katie Kohnen said.

Today, the volleyball team is scheduled to play as the No. 9 seed against the No. 8 seed Memphis (16-14, 7-6 C-USA) in the first round.

"This is a whole new season, absolutely, and that is what I will tell the girls," UCF Coach Meg Colado said. "The regular season is about seeding for the tournament, the tournament is a four-day season of itself."

This is the first C-USA tournament for the Knights, who made the jump from the Atlantic Sun Conference to C-USA during the offseason.

The first-round matchup for UCF should be a competitive one. This year, the Knights were able to beat Memphis on the road (3-2), but the Tigers took the match at the UCF Arena (2-3).

"Memphis could really be a good match," Colado said. "Both teams show up, and it will be an absolute war like it was at Memphis, and we did some fantastic things when we were there."

One adjustment the Knights will have to make is to the format of the C-USA tournament. In C-USA, all 12 teams earn a spot in the tournament, while in the A-Sun, only eight teams qualified for the post season.

Instead of having to win only two matches to capture the title, the Knights would have to win four matches.

The postseason tournament in C-USA is not only longer, it will also feature much tougher competition than the Knights saw in the A-Sun.

"The level of competition is pretty darned good," Colado said. "Marshall has a national player of the week on their team. That never happened in the A-Sun."

Marshall, which dominated C-USA this season, is the top seed in the tournament and earned a first-round bye with a season record of 23-5 (15-1 C-USA). If the Knights are able to beat Memphis today, they will go on to play the powerful Marshall squad in the second round on Friday. The leadership of UCF's veterans will be key if the Knights hope to compete with the Thundering Herd.

Chaz Arah is one of two seniors that will be making their final appearances in UCF uniforms this week. Kohnen, the team's co-captain, will also step onto Autry Court at host school Rice for her final games.

The seniors and veterans on the team will be called upon to lead young players like freshman middle blocker Jenny Heppert, who will be appearing in her first very postseason tournament.

"It is a new situation for [Heppert]," Colado said. "She has never been in a conference championship situation ... I am looking forward to her taking notice to how people are handling the situation and go with it."

Colado is also leaving her veterans responsible for the on-court communication and for guidance when the tournament starts today.

"I am looking for them to execute and lead by example, and I'm looking for them to have consistent communication."

The Knights have some momentum heading into the tournament, winning four of their final six conference matches. The Knights recent victories encourage Colado, who

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UCF BASKETBALL PREVIEW: THE JUMP TO C-USA

Taking it up a notch

Both the UCF men's and women's basketball teams will face new challenges as they make the jump from the Atlantic Sun Conference, where both teams were dominant, to the more competitive and prestigious Conference USA

THE GENTLEMEN

Men's team readying for toughest schedule in history of program

ANDY VASQUEZ
Sports Editor

Of all the UCF athletics programs making the jump to Conference USA this season, the men's basketball team may have the bumpiest road to travel.

Over the past few years, the UCF men's basketball team has been dominant in the Atlantic Sun Conference, winning the A-Sun tournament to receive an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament two years in a row.

If the Knights hope to make a third consecutive trip to the "Big Dance," they will have to rise to the occasion, as the challenge will undoubtedly be greater than ever before in a new and tougher conference.

C-USA is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 conferences in the country, and the same will be true entering this season.

But, before facing the difficult opposition in C-USA, the Knights will play a challenging non-conference schedule, which will afford the team plenty of opportunities to go up against high-caliber opponents.

"It's the toughest schedule that UCF has ever had in basketball," UCF Coach Kirk Speraw said.

Early on the Knights travel to Florida, No. 9 Kentucky and potentially No. 10 Arizona, in games that highlight the Knights' early-season schedule. UCF will play Arizona if both teams were to win in the first round of the Fiesta Bowl Classic, Dec. 19-21 in Tuscon, Ariz.

When the Knights begin play in C-USA on Jan. 11, things won't get much easier. UCF will welcome UAB (Feb. 4) and UTEP (March 4) to the UCF Arena, both teams that made it to the

NCAA Tournament last year. The Knights will also have to travel to face teams like No. 12 Memphis (Jan. 28) and Houston (Jan. 14), both participants in last year's National Invitation Tournament.

"They'll all be knocking on the Top 25 at some point this season," Speraw said of the aforementioned teams. "We'll face nine teams that were in postseason play a year ago ... and then we're going to be playing the rest of C-USA, and all of them will be better than most of the best teams in the A-Sun, so it's going to be tremendously difficult."

The opportunity to play against top-tier teams is an exciting proposition for the players.

"It's definitely a good step for not only the basketball team, but the university," senior guard Troy Lindbeck said. "I think it's going to bring more people out to the games as we play better teams, so hopefully it will step everything up and keep us motivated night-in and night-out."

UCF will be forced to make the jump to stiffer competition without a large portion of its leadership corps from the last two years. The Knights lost guards Gary Johnson, Kingsley Edwards and forward Marcus Avant to graduation this offseason. All three players were key parts to the Knights' recent success.

Sophomore guards Mike O'Donnell and Dave Noel, both transfer students who were forced to sit out last year, will be looked upon to help fill the void left by Johnson and Edwards in the backcourt.

O'Donnell, a quick guard with good

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THE LADIES

Women's team must fill void left by injured players to compete

CHRIS HOYLER
Staff Writer

There's something comforting about winning, even when it isn't against the best competition.

The UCF women's basketball team went out on top last year in the Atlantic Sun Conference it was beginning to outgrow. In compiling three straight regular season conference titles, the Golden Knights were 43-13 against A-Sun opponents, a feat they will be hard-pressed to duplicate as they move into Conference USA.

"I think we can compete against anybody in the conference and have a chance to win the games, but we have to bring our A game every single night, or we will get blown out," UCF Coach Gail Striegler said.

If the Knights are going to make a splash in the new-look C-USA, they will need to take advantage of their returning experience and a revamped coaching staff with three new assistants to Striegler.

"We've come together as a coaching staff; we've brought all our ideas from different programs," Striegler said.

The graduation of center Ali Roberts may force the Knights to play a three guard, two forward set this season. They used that setup in their exhibition loss to the Miami Suns, allowing several reserve guards to receive major minutes.

Senior guard Shayla Smith leads the experience in the backcourt. Smith, who has started 71 of the 87 games in her career, will be the Knights big threat from the outside, as

she is tied for sixth all-time on the school's three pointers made and attempted lists.

LaShay King is another senior with starting experience. She started 20 of 28 games in 2003-04, playing a reserve role in all 19 games last season, which started late because of injury rehabilitation. King, who is a good playmaker, creates flexibility in the lineup for Striegler.

Celeste Hudson returns for her senior year after starting all 25 games last season and 51 of the last 55 games over two seasons. She was recognized as the 2005 Atlantic Sun Defensive Player of the Year, but the Knights will have to play without Hudson early in the season. After suffering an injury late last season, Striegler says she does not know when her standout guard will be available to return to the Knights. It will be interesting to see how the team plays early on without with out one of its anchors in the backcourt. Along with Lashaunda Slade, who is out indefinitely with a torn ACL, Hudson's presence will be missed early on.

"We're all just role players and we're just trying to step up and fill the role without Celeste [Hudson] being out there," Smith said.

Francine Houston provides more starting experience in the backcourt. She started 21 games last season, and her leadership, along with her returning partners in the backcourt, will be important in breaking in a relatively inexperienced frontcourt, led by senior Shelby Weber.

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For the men's team, Josh Peppers, above, will be the key to the Knights' success on offense. Peppers was the Knights' second-leading scorer last season and worked during the offseason to become more aggressive on offense. For the women LaShay King, (12) left, will be a key part of UCF's backcourt which has been hampered by injury early. Shelby Weber, (22) left, will be able to play both forward positions and the center for the Coach Gail Striegler.

"We're going to face some adversity and there's two ways you can respond to it. You can cave and quit, or you can get tougher and better."

— KIRK SPERAW
UCF BASKETBALL COACH
ON TOUGH SCHEDULE

"We're really excited about that ... maybe we'll sell out a few home games this year."

— TROY LINDBECK
SENIOR GUARD
ON FAN SUPPORT

Getting exposure

The switch to Conference USA is giving both the men's and women's basketball teams increased national exposure. This year the UCF basketball teams will be making a combined six appearances on television.

History will be made when the UCF women's basketball team hosts UTEP on Jan. 15. CSTV will be carrying the game live, marking the first time a UCF women's basketball game at the UCF Arena will be seen by a national audience.

Less than a month later, on Feb. 4, the UCF men's basketball team will host UAB, which will also be the first ever men's home game nationally broadcast from the UCF Arena.

Here are the UCF basketball games that will be televised:

Men's basketball

Dec. 3
at Florida
noon, Sun Sports

Jan. 3
at Kentucky
7 p.m., Fox Sports Net

Jan. 28
at Memphis
8 p.m., CSTV

Feb. 4
vs. UAB
7:30 p.m., CSTV

Women's basketball

Dec. 4
at FSU
2 p.m., Sun Sports

Jan. 15
vs. UTEP
5 p.m., CSTV

All times are eastern and subject to change.

MEN'S FULL SCHEDULE

Friday vs. Rollins	8 p.m.	Dec. 21 vs. Arizona / Sam Houston State***	TBD	Jan. 21 vs. Tulsa*	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 22 vs. East Carolina*	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday vs. Nova Southeastern	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 29 vs. North Florida**	8 p.m.	Jan. 25 at East Carolina*	7 p.m.	Feb. 25 vs. at Rice*	7 p.m.
Nov. 26 vs. Stetson	7:30 p.m.	Dec. 30 vs. Birmingham Southern/ Western Illinois**	TBD	Jan. 28 at Memphis*	8 p.m.	Mar. 1 at Marshall	7 p.m.
Nov. 29 vs. Bethune-Cookman	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 3 at Kentucky	7 p.m.	Feb. 4 vs. UAB*	7:30 p.m.	March 4 vs. UTEP	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3 at Florida	noon	Jan. 11 vs. Marshall*	7 p.m.	Feb. 8 at Southern Miss*	8 p.m.	March 8-11 C-USA Championship	TBD
Dec. 13 at Florida Atlantic	7 p.m.	Jan. 14 vs. Norfolk State	8 p.m.	Feb. 11 vs. Tulane*	7:30 p.m.	*** Fiesta Bowl Classic (Tuscon, Ariz.)	
Dec. 16 vs. Norfolk State	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 18 vs. South Dakota State	7:30 p.m.	Feb. 15 vs. Houston*	7:30 p.m.	** UCF Holiday Classic (UCF Arena)	
Dec. 19 vs. Western Kentucky***	TBD			Feb. 18 at SMU*	8 p.m.	* Conference USA games	

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WOMEN'S FULL SCHEDULE

Friday vs. Florida A&M****	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 17 vs. UT-Arlington**	7 p.m.	Jan. 20 vs. Marshall*	7 p.m.	Feb. 19 vs. Memphis*	2 p.m.
Saturday vs. West Virginia****	6 p.m.	Dec. 20 vs. Miami	7 p.m.	Jan. 22 vs. East Carolina*	2 p.m.	Feb. 24 at Marshall*	7 p.m.
Nov. 25 vs. Butler***	8 p.m.	Dec. 28 vs. Quinnipiac	7 p.m.	Jan. 27 at Memphis*	8 p.m.	Feb. 26 at East Carolina*	2 p.m.
Nov. 26 vs. Princeton/ St. Mary's***	TBD	Dec. 31 vs. Southern Miss*	2 p.m.	Jan. 29 at UAB*	3 p.m.	March 2-5 C-USA Championship	
Nov. 28 at Santa Clara University	10 p.m.	Jan. 6 at Houston*	8 p.m.	Feb. 4 at Southern Miss*	6 p.m.	**** UCF Golden Knights Classic (UCF Arena)	
Dec. 4 at Florida State	2 p.m.	Jan. 8 at Rice*	3 p.m.	Feb. 6 at Tulsa*	8 p.m.	*** St. Mary's Thanksgiving Tournament (San Francisco, Calif.)	
Dec. 12 at Georgia Southern	7 p.m.	Jan. 13 vs. Tulane*	7 p.m.	Feb. 10 vs. SMU*	7 p.m.	** UCF Holiday Classic (UCF Arena)	
Dec. 16 vs. Central Michigan**	5 p.m.	Jan. 15 vs. UTEP*	5 p.m.	Feb. 17 vs. UAB*	7 p.m.	* Conference USA game	

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Men look to fill void left by seniors

FROM A12

court vision and a solid outside shot will team with Noel, a stronger guard with a good shot and great defensive skills, to run the point.

Senior guard Justin Rose returns to the team as one of its most athletic players. His explosive jumping ability will help him be creative on offense and continue to be the Knights' best rebounder in the backcourt.

Rose, Noel and O'Donnell will be joined by junior transfer Mike Battle and freshman Jermaine Taylor. Battle comes to UCF from Paris Community College in Texas and is a big, strong guard who knows how to win. Last season he led his team to the NJCA Division I title.

Taylor is an athletic guard who should get considerable playing time as a freshman. He is quick, one of the best jumpers on the team and has a reliable jump shot.

Junior forward Josh Peppers returns to the Knights as the best scoring option they have. Peppers comes back from the offseason with some added muscle and confidence.

The coaching staff has been pushing Peppers to be more aggressive on offense, and the results are starting to show. The 6-foot-6 forward seems to be much more comfortable with the ball in his hands and more likely to take the ball to the basket than settle for an outside shot.

At the power forward and center positions, the Knights could have some depth problems, especially early in the season. Senior Anthony Williams returns to the Knights as the starting power forward. He is a strong inside option who can score and get rebounds around the basket. He is also a strong defensive presence, when he can avoid early foul-trouble.

The Knights will be without the services of senior forward Marcus Johnson and senior center Will Bakanowsky for the foreseeable future. Bakanowsky is still dealing with complications from an injury he suffered late last year, and there is no word on his return. Johnson has been suspended indefinitely due to an undisclosed violation of team rules. The 6-foot-8 forward has been practicing with the team, but there is no word on when he will be allowed to return to action.

6-foot-9 sophomore Adam Gill, who is a solid rebounder and has a strong mid-range shot, has stepped in to fill the role of injured Bakanowsky. Gill and Williams will be backed up by freshman Kendrick Zonderman, out of Hoofddorp, Holland, and Lavell Payne, a gifted transfer from Tallahassee Community College.

Women face challenges in frontcourt

FROM A12

Weber will be the key to replacing Roberts and forward Takira Allen, both of whom finished with more than 1,000 points and 500 rebounds at UCF. Weber will be joined up front by junior Keunta Miles, who spent the last two years as a reserve.

The frontcourt, while inexperienced and small, has good balance with new reserves in Juliana Gomes and Jackie Akers. Striegler said the lineup has some good finesse players and a solid defender in Gomes, but it is lacking in other areas.

"We don't really have a lot of 'power posts' in there," Striegler said.

Striegler also said that Weber may be expected to play both forward positions and center, depending on how the new players come along.

The Knights open up with a very tough non-conference schedule, hosting West Virginia, Texas-Arlington and Miami, while traveling to Florida State and Santa Clara.

"Instead of being a step down when we get to conference, it's basically going to be those type of games throughout the whole year," Striegler said.

UCF controls its own destiny

FROM A11

ironically, will be facing a Rice team that only a week ago had the longest losing streak in the country at 14 games.

With Rice being widely regarded as one of the worst teams in the country and with so much on the line for the Knights, it wouldn't be surprising to see a young UCF team look past the Owls. But that school of thought could prove to be fatal, as the Owls have been playing much tougher than their record indicates.

"We were one of the worst teams in the country last year," UCF linebacker James Cook said. "But we knew we had the ability to win, so we're not putting that past anybody. We were like them before, so you don't know what they have."

On Oct. 29, Rice lost by only one touchdown to UTEP, the best team in C-USA's West Division, and, last week, the Owls broke into the win col-

umn for the first time in over a year with an eight-point win over Tulane. The Knights have not faced UTEP this year and beat Tulane 34-24 on Oct. 21.

In pursuit of their eighth win of the year, the Knights will take to the road for the seventh time. UCF is a perfect 4-0 at the Florida Citrus Bowl and 3-3 on the road so far this year. If the Knights end up being selected to play in a bowl game, they would be only the fourth team in NCAA history to do so after playing seven games of an 11-game schedule on the road.

"That's one thing that people have overlooked, the amount of away games this team has played," O'Leary said. "That's a lot of new games and a lot of new stadiums."

One thing that has made the road a little less bumpy for the Knights is the traveling fan support.

"The one thing that I have seen, even last week, was that

the band was there, and our fans were probably louder than UAB's," O'Leary said. "We are getting a little more [fan support] each game following us, which I think is good and helps with a young club."

With so much on the line on Saturday, practice has been especially tough this week, as the coaching staff is preparing the team for its final game of the regular season and making sure that the Knights stay focused on the task at hand.

"If you look at the standings, we're the first team in the conference, and Rice is the last team, but the coaches don't care about that," UCF defensive end Paul Carrington said. "They're still the same hard guys that they've always been, always on top of us. The last week of practice is usually the hardest week. They've had to stay on us, and they've definitely been good motivators for us."

Breaking down Knights vs. Owls

FROM A11

have forced them into a three-man front and three-man unit at linebacker, making Syptak the key to forcing any pass rush. He leads the team in tackles, tackles for loss, forced fumbles and sacks, playing the game with a high motor that keeps the entire defense motivated.

The freshmen contingent on offense is led by running back Kevin Smith, who is second on the school's true freshman rushing yardage list with 810 yards. Brown and right guard L.J. Anderson are the freshman representatives on the offensive line, but O'Leary has also been impressed with the play of reserve wide receiver Rocky Ross.

"He's made some key plays this season on third down," O'Leary said.

The Knights offense should be able to control the ball for more than 35 minutes, possibly breaking the 40-minute barrier. The Owls defense is small and can be run on, so watch for Smith to wear them down early and junior running back Jason Peters to run past them late.

Advantage: UCF

When Rice has the ball...

Key Matchup: Rice fullback John Long versus UCF outside linebackers Jordan Richards and Cory Hogue.

The Owls are unorthodox on the other side of the ball, running the wishbone offense that was popular back when UCF was Florida Technological University.

"I think it fell out of fashion because you couldn't keep people healthy, and there are only so many quarterbacks that can run that offense," O'Leary said.

The Knights are using freshman quarterback Marquel Neasman as the scout team quarterback this week. O'Leary praised Neasman for his work in the option offense while in high school, as his experience has helped a great deal in preparation.

"It's a control offense that, when you fall behind, you're in trouble," O'Leary said.

Volleyball team hoping to keep late-season momentum alive

FROM A11

hopes to ride UCF's recent success deep into the postseason.

A worrisome sign came during the Nov. 4 match against East Carolina at the UCF Arena, when both sophomore outside hitter Lorin Lukas and junior outside hitter Maina Heming went down, with each receiving a strained ankle in the second game.

After missing only one match to the injury, Heming came back to play in the loss to visiting North Florida on Nov. 8. Colorado says the junior is fine since her return and will not be limited this week.

Lukas' ankle injury was worse than Heming's, as it forced her to sit out for three matches before returning against Florida Atlantic on Sunday. Despite not being at

The Owls have fallen behind early and often this season, failing to hold a half-time lead in any game, including their 42-34 win over Tulane last Saturday.

Long played a key role in the win, running for 156 yards and three scores, including a 75-yard dash. All three scores gave the Owls the lead at some point.

"John [Long] just put on some steam and took off," Rice Coach Ken Hatfield said. "It was one of those *Longest Yard* deals. I just kept waiting and waiting, and, all of a sudden, he gets into the end zone. That was really good."

Wall will have the middle of the line to gain yardage on, but the key to stopping him is making sure he does not break past the second level on the outside. Richards and Hogue, the true freshmen duo at linebacker, may be a target and need to make sure that Wall does not overpower them.

Advantage: UCF

Special teams...

Key Matchup: UCF kicker Matt Prater versus UCF kicker Matt Prater.

That is not a misprint. With his booming kickoffs a constant this season, Prater's outstanding performance against UAB proved one thing: He's his own worst enemy on field goals.

"I told him, when things weren't looking good, I said 'Matt, man, it's going to come down to you. It might not be tomorrow, it might not be this game, it might not be next game, but our season is going to come down to you, so we just need you to get your head together and whatever it is, just focus,'" senior wide receiver Brandon Marshall said. "Matt's a good kicker, and he's one of our leaders on our team."

Prater stepped up and took control of the game last week, looking like the player that received national acclaim during the 2003 season. If he can continue to kick this well, the Knights special teams will take a big leap and be a complete unit.

Advantage: UCF

Xs and Os...

O'Leary has been named "coach of the year" several times by several different groups. He was named ACC Coach of the Year in 1998 and 2000, the same season he was named Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year.

Despite two defeats from other coach of the year candidates Steve Spurrier at South Carolina and Jim Leavitt at South Florida, O'Leary is clearly deserving of this award, turning around a losing attitude in less than two years.

His unrestrained use of freshmen and sophomores in prominent positions shows that he is unforgiving to those who compromise the integrity of the program, as evidenced by the strong academics the team has achieved in his time.

Hatfield is a good veteran coach, but he clearly does not have the control of his program or team O'Leary does. The game stuff will be there for nearly any coach in the country, what separates the good from the great is the off-the-field work. O'Leary has clearly mastered that aspect of program building.

Advantage: UCF

The final word...

"Win and in," "Control their own destiny," — any term that can describe this game essentially means the same thing. For every thing this team has gone through, they absolutely can not suffer a letdown this week. It should not happen against a Rice team that is simply outmanned, but UCF must remember where they came from, lest they suffer the fate of a certain Southern Miss team that failed to play its best game when it mattered most.

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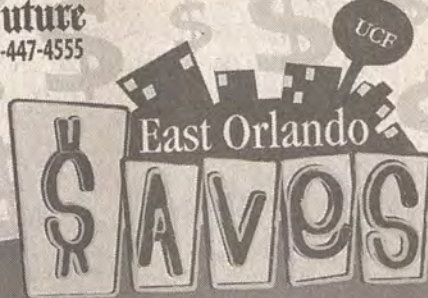
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OUR STANCE

Cover-up rumors are unjustified

This has certainly been a season of ups and downs for the UCF football team, but, in all fairness, the ups have slightly outweighed the downs.

While the Knights brushed off a 0-11 season and are fighting for a Conference USA championship, students and fans had to cope with a tragic shooting at the first home game.

UCF announced the amendment of the university's Master Plan to allow an on-campus football stadium, but, all the while, many students felt they were being wrongly targeted for irresponsible tailgating behavior.

But tragedy and conspiracy aside, the Knights have fought through the negativity and have created a new light and a sense of pride and tradition with this unexpected season.

Then cornerback Ron Ellis was arrested on a suspicion of sexual battery two weeks ago.

News of Ellis' arrest took more than a week to break, causing rumors of a cover-up to spread.

Any implication of a cover-up is baseless at this point.

First of all, at every major university with any sort of athletics program, there is a process that all administrative officials go through when determining proper punishments after a full investigatory period.

Ellis was suspended by UCF

football Coach George O'Leary immediately following the announcement that he was wanted on charges of sexual battery.

The university's athletics association has no reason to cover up allegations that a player committed sexual battery.

It has nothing to do with the vote of an on-campus stadium, and it has absolutely no bearing on the selection process for NCAA bowl games — two major achievements that the athletics association has been focused on this season.

Cover-ups are normally meant to hinder an adverse reaction that would bring negativity to an otherwise thriving program.

However, UCF has already seen that this year, and none of it has stopped UCF from proceeding with its stadium plans, nor has it seemed to stop the Knights from shining on the field.

Without a valid, logical excuse, there is absolutely no reason to jump to such an ignorant conclusion with absolutely no evidence to back it up.

A perfect example would be the 2003 indefinite suspension of cornerback Omar Laurence after he was arrested by campus police for the possession of two guns — a pistol and a rifle — after an apparent fight with another campus resident. There was no cover-up after his arrest,

and there was probably a better reason to cover it up back then than there would be now.

In 2003, UCF had begun its tailspin into the mess that was last season. Laurence's arrest piggybacked the suspension of six other UCF football players and the eventual firing of then-Coach Mike Kruczek.

Seven suspensions and a firing and all of this was national news and a huge embarrassment to the UCF football program. Yet not a single accusation of covering anything up accompanied it.

The reason there were no such accusations was due to this university's administration doling out punishments for cover-ups.

It would be hypocritical now for the athletics association to even consider covering up Ellis' arrest when only two years ago, a football coach's career at UCF ended because academic indiscretions were covered up.

So why now? Why would there be a reason to cover up a sexual battery charge against the defensive back?

If anything, Ellis' suspension only further shows that O'Leary is standing his ground and sticking to his intentions to clean up this program.

The Knights have one last game to win before they can play in the C-USA championship, and the only cover-up is coming from the people who won't report that.

OUR STANCE

FDA's Plan B: mix science, politics

The Government Accountability Office, a nonpartisan investigative arm of Congress, released a report Monday that documented some dodgy maneuvering on the part of the Food and Drug Administration's decision last year to reject over-the-counter sales of the morning-after contraceptive known as Plan B.

The report examined only the FDA and did not look at communications between agency officials and other parts of the executive branch, so it does not draw any conclusions about whether overt political pressure was placed on the FDA and from where.

However, the most logical conclusion one can come from reading the report is that politics and ideology not only stepped all over science in order to restrict access to the controversial contraceptive, they jumped up and down and did the Mexican hat dance for good measure.

The report made the following points: Directors of the offices who would usually handle the issue disagreed with the decision and did not sign the rejection letter, high-level managers were more heavily involved in the case than is usual for a case involving the switch between prescription and non-prescription status, the heads of several key offices claim they were told the switch would be denied months before the appli-

cation review was completed — something that high officials deny — and, finally, the rationale used to justify the rejection was unusual, described as "novel" in the report.

The FDA's reason for rejection: younger adolescents might engage in riskier sexual behavior with the knowledge that a emergency contraceptive was easily available. Never before has an age-based criteria been used to determine if a drug is safe for over-the-counter sales.

It is the third point that is the most shocking. In April 2003, Women's Capital Corporation, Plan B's maker, applied to make the drug available over-the-counter. Barr Pharmaceuticals bought the rights to the drug and continued to pursue the application. An FDA advisory committee voted 23-4 in December 2003 to recommend approving the switch. All seemed to be going well for Plan B.

But wait, within days of the committee's vote, Janet Woodstock, the FDA's acting deputy commissioner of operations, and Steven Galson, acting director of its drug center, told four top staff members that the application would be rejected, even though the agency's scientific review had yet to be completed, the staff members told Congressional investigators.

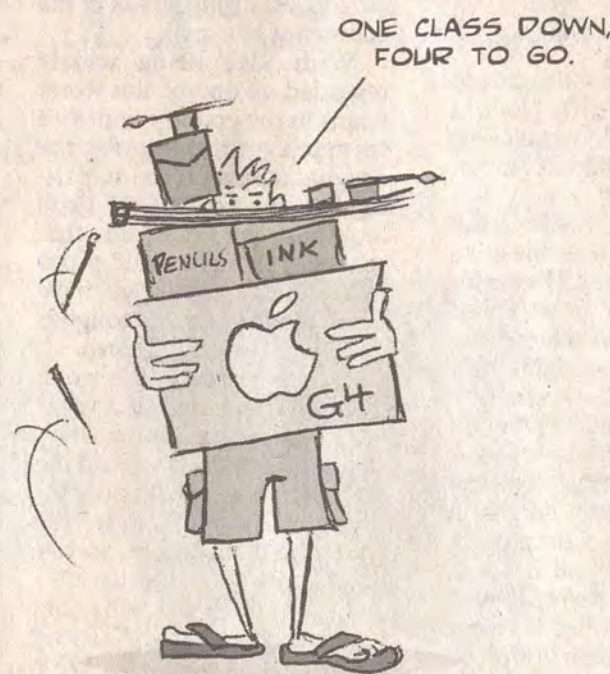
Plan B has long been a hot issue. Groups like Planned Parenthood see it as a natural exten-

sion of birth control and emphasize that, if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, Plan B generally prevents pregnancy. However, it is most effective when taken immediately after, prompting the push to sell it over-the-counter. Abortion opponents consider it tantamount to ending a pregnancy ... in other words, an abortion. It should be noted that the FDA long considered it a contraceptive, not an abortifacient.

It should also be noted that the FDA lost one of its own people over this issue. Susan Wood, former director of the agency's office of women's health, resigned in August and told *The New York Times* that the FDA's recently acquired habit of overlooking science in favor of abortion politics has "only gotten worse."

All of this seems to lead to one fairly obvious conclusion: The FDA denied the makers of Plan B's request to be sold over-the-counter because of political reasons, not scientific ones. They were desperate to find a quasi-acceptable excuse to prevent easy access to a contraceptive that upsets the administration's conservative base.

By doing this, the FDA has diminished its own credibility as a scientific institution, taken a little bit of the shine off of the glowing, much-flaunted "independence" of science and proven itself a coward in the face of political pressure.



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Students prepare for final exam week

READER VIEWS

Heritage, hate strikes a chord

Apparently some people don't like other people having heritage. We seem to live in a culture of continuous patronage to the minority. It's demeaning and creates a stigma against the minority.

But wait, I'm talking about you Confederate flag haters out there, all you who want what you call "offensive" removed and banned — even from the campus of a major public university!

Well, if you're going to ban one person's heritage that has had some bad spots, ban them all. Make sure that no Russian, Japanese, Turkish, Iraqi, Saudi or Spanish flags are seen. Ban them and virtually every other flag on this planet from campus because they've all done things that might offend someone.

When did it become a great tragedy if someone gets offended? Shall we become a state where only government-sanctioned topics may be spoken about or portrayed in art?

By all means, no! We have a freedom of speech to say what we may, even if it offends someone. That right does not end when someone gets offended, only when it intrudes on another's rights.

The people of the stereotypical minority aren't the only people with cultural heritage. We all have it. It's our choice as to whether we pre-

tend it doesn't exist and call Confederate battle flags hateful, or recognize where we've come from, and embrace our past — acknowledging that all of it is not pretty.

— JEFF BEYRL

Letting homeowners have it

My response to complaining homeowners: We were here first. Did you think we were going to play at the Citrus Bowl forever?

— RACHEL NAVARRE

Future receives accolades

I have just recently been accepted to UCF as a journalism-pending major, and I decided to come check out your newspaper another time.

At my school down in Naples, I play the roles of editor-in-chief and opinion/editorial editor, and I must say that your publication impresses me each and every time. In the paper that I run, I am all about creativity, and I give you full props for your amazing layouts on each page. Your views are clear, and your stories are well written. I am excited to join you in the Fall 2006 semester.

Thank you for such an amazing contribution to creativity. Your paper has given me a great gift.

— ANTHONY N. LACH
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MAN ON THE STREET

THE WORD AROUND CAMPUS

'How do you feel about the protest on the war in Iraq?'



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Information technology

"I respect their opinions and rights, but it's not their place to judge the government."



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"I feel they could do whatever they want as long as it doesn't involve violence."



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"People have a freedom of choice, as long as they respect other's views."



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"The protesters are justified because the soldiers should not be used unless in defense."



KYLE BRITT
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"Everyone has the right to state their opinion. Our country was founded by people who protested."



MICHAEL FRICK
Film

"Freedom of speech is important, as long as the protesters are not hurting anyone."



SOPHIE REA
Psychology and pre-med

"Coming from a military family, everyone has a choice. The people serving chose to be in the service."



ZAC STAFFORD
History

"I don't agree. They should support the war since we're already involved. They are just making others feel bad."

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Let's all join hands in prayer for a UTEP loss this weekend



MOUTHING OFF

ASHLEY BURNS
Managing Editor

When it comes to religion, I've always chosen to stay away from pushing people's buttons because I know how seriously they take it.

I may not believe in any one religion, but I do pray. I know I'm not alone. It has nothing to do with me eventually wanting to be the Pope. No, sir, it's bigger than the Pope.

I'm talking about sports.

With so many different professional and collegiate sports, there is a lot of praying going on around this nation on a daily basis. But this Saturday, I'll be a tad more pious than usual, and I'm asking the thousands of faithful UCF football fans to join me.

If UCF wins — which, by the way, is a subject I'm getting tired of talking about, because Rice is a freaking cupcake — and our friends at UAB pull off an upset against UTEP, then the Citrus Bowl will have one more UCF football game in it this season.

Never would I have thought that I'd be praying for the Knights to even play in a conference championship game

this season. But here we are. Now we need the collective mental presence of this institution of higher learning aimed toward El Paso because we need the Miners to lose.

The importance of hosting that conference championship is all about support. If the Knights play in Texas, I'm sure there will be some people who make the trip, but let's be realistic. We're talking about a 24-hour drive basically to Mexico through one of the most boring and empty states known to man. That's right, I just messed with Texas.

If the championship game is hosted at the Citrus Bowl, then the advantage is taken away from UTEP. If that game is a home game for the Knights, then I would imagine we'd be nearing a record crowd, if not surpassing it. The broken wheels on the bandwagon have been repaired, and it's time to give this puppy a little more horsepower.

For prayer in the time of athletic need, I offer the higher powers of this universe this pious Thursday tirade ...

Football season is on my mind, but the men's basketball season is upon us. What better way to kick off this new season than against our little trust fund buddies over at Rollins?

This season is going to be quite the test for the Knights, if not for replacing Gary Johnson and Marcus Avant, then for having to deal with Memphis twice in one season. Memphis is ranked No. 12 in preseason

polls and could be one of the most dangerous teams in the nation this year. The Tigers are hot. I mean they are Scarlett Johansson hot.

But that's not to say that UCF won't be able to hang. We're going to look good. Hey everybody, come see how good they look. Leave it to me to use an *Anchorman* quote to stress the importance of attendance.

The thing that irks me most of all, though, is Dick Vitale's Top 65 rankings in the latest issue of *ESPN The Magazine*. How in the bloody blue heck are the Knights nowhere on this list? Murray State? Gardner-Webb? Why not just throw Quinnipiac on there and get it over with? Methinks Dicky V is making predictions with a little bit of the bubbly booze, baby ...

Updated bowl prediction: UCF versus Texas in the Sugar Bowl. Mark it down before I sober up ...

Former dorky-yet-hot pop icon Lisa Loeb is throwing her trademark nerdy glasses into the reality television world with her new show, *#1 Single*. On the show, Loeb will re-enter the dating world after her separation from celebrity insignificance poster boy Dweezil Zappa.

I think this show is an absolutely amazing idea, and I can't wait to watch every single minute of it ... 10 years ago. Honestly, Lisa, we loved "Stay" and those of us who were into your quirky sexiness really liked "Do You Sleep" as well. But the grains of sand have fall-

en to the bottom, and someone's 15 minutes have dried up.

Anyone who believes she deserves a reality TV show, please take one step forward. Not so fast, Lisa ...

The 2005 Country Music Academy Awards were held the other night in New York City. In related news, I made out with my sister.

But seriously, I hate what country music is becoming. All of this pop nonsense makes me want to buy stock in a barf-bag

factory. Rascal Flatts is about as country as a Japanese pickup truck. It's almost no fun being a closet redneck anymore ...

Updated bowl prediction: UCF versus Texas and USC in a three-way "Hell in a Cell" match ...

Finally, as it appears that someone up above has decided to answer some of my athletic prayers, Albert Pujols was named the 2005 National League Most Valuable Player. Easily the best offensive player

in the game today, Prince Albert has deserved this award for three seasons and has finally been recognized for his amazing consistency at the plate.

Now if we can just get a certain UCF football coach a National Coach of the Year award, then we'd be all set. Granted, I'd owe a big apology, but I don't think I'd have any problem eating that crow.

Ashley Burns can be reached at editor@UCFnews.com

READER VIEWS

Advertising an outrage

I am outraged that the *Future* would print advertisements featuring sexually explicit and degrading photos of women.

These pictures treat women as objects and are unnecessary for advertising. A university, of all places, should be an atmosphere where men and women are treated equally and valued for our minds; it should not be reduced to paying lip service to women's rights and diversity and create a hostile environment for a woman every time she

opens the *Future*.

When such pictures are printed in a paper that is presumably meant for all members of the UCF community, it sends the message that women's views do not matter to the school paper.

Furthermore, when most men are placed in an environment that routinely features scantily clad women, they are more likely to be disrespectful of the real women in their lives.

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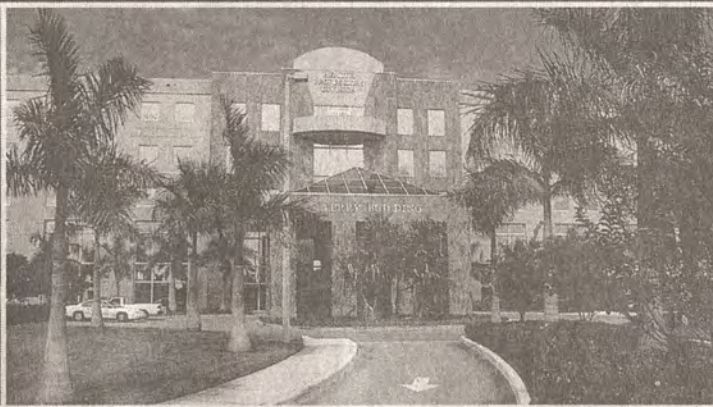


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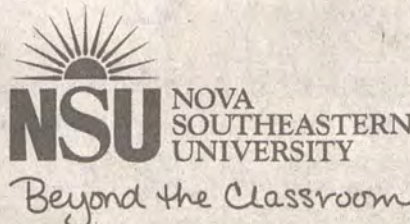
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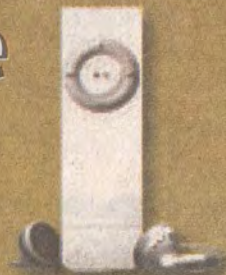


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